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Colleges react to state's tight money belt

Freezing salaries a last resort,
but other areas may be targeted

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
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A lean state budget probably will bring higher tuition rates to Southern next fall, as College officials prepare to make a proposal at tomorrow's meeting of the Board of Regents.

College President Julio Leon would not specify how much of an increase he will pitch to the Board, though he said it would be less than 10 percent. Last spring, the College saw its largest tuition increase ever, as Regents hiked tuition 18.2 percent.

A 10 percent increase would boost the per-credit-hour rate of \$48 to \$52.80.

Leon said student fees make up about 25 percent of Southern's total budget, with the remaining coming from state funds. Last month, College officials learned that the budget

had been frozen, with no new increases expected. Though Leon said it is needed, a tuition hike could not possibly make up the difference, he said.

"It stands to reason that an increase in fees is certainly not going to allow us to do what we need to do to keep up with inflation," Leon said. "Certainly we need help, understanding, and cooperation during this time."

But students may not be the only group affected by the College's effort to find new money. Leon and other administrators have not ruled out making cuts in operating expenses, equipment purchases, books—and maybe most unpopular—freezing faculty salaries. However, Leon said this option would be a last resort.

On Tuesday, Leon told the administrative council it was time to "cut corners." Reaction generally was

supportive, he said.

"I told the group that we'll have to review every aspect of our operation," Leon said. "We think we know how to weather this. Better times will come."

Last year faculty and staff received 5 percent pay increases. Affecting the salaries to cure budgetary woes is "the last thing we would look at," Leon said.

Although enrollment may decline next year, he said that would not be an impetus to increase tuition fees.

"I don't think we would want to do that," he said. "The state is the sole source of major funding. When the state tells you that 75 percent of your funding will stay the same, and with 25 percent [from student fees] such a small portion, there's not much you can do."

The desperation for funding also exists elsewhere in the state, as other higher education institutions scramble for money. Missouri Western State College, Southern's sister institution in terms of size, expenditures, and mission, also is looking at

cuts. When President Janet Murphy indicated to her faculty that a salary freeze was possible, she got the expected response.

"No one's happy," Murphy said. "People are losing their jobs all over the place. I would hope that would help to diminish what our people are feeling here."

Like Southern, Western likely will raise tuition. But unlike Leon's estimates, Western probably will go higher than a 10 percent increase. Murphy said. Last year, the college raised tuition by 13 percent. Students there pay a flat rate for tuition, in contrast to Southern's per-credit-hour basis.

Murphy said she would wait before going to her regents with a proposal for raising tuition, but stands firm that there will be an increase, saying "the students are going to have to bear more of the financial burden." Meanwhile Western is uncovering every rock to find revenue.

"We are looking at absolutely everything," Murphy said. "Academic areas, maintenance, cuts in services.

How the State Budget Woes Affect Missouri Southern

■ Probable tuition hike, though likely it will be less than a 10 percent jump.

■ College administrators are looking at cutbacks or freezes in new equipment, operational expenses, and possibly faculty salaries.

■ A general "cutting of corners," which may include new books.

"We're looking at everything."

Elsewhere, institutional officials are debating what parts of their schools will be affected by state budget problems. Dr. Marshall Gordon, president of Southwest Missouri State University, said his institution's frozen budget is causing problems. Similar to other colleges, tuition seems to be first line of relief.

"It's not a good situation but it's a situation it looks like we're going

to be stuck with in Missouri for some time," Gordon said, "because obviously the decision makers don't think fees are out of line."

"We have had tremendous increases in fees, but there's still a feeling [by the public] that student fees could be increased even higher."

Gordon said the higher the tuition rate, the better the university's chance for increased aid.

WHERE'S THE GRIM REAPER?



CHRIS COX/The Chart

Last week's unseasonably warm temperatures brought with them a thick blanket of fog to cover the area. Visibility was reduced to a matter of feet, and familiar sites on campus were transformed into eerie scenes like this one between the mansion and the Billingsly Student Center.

Lambert bows out as head of English

He cites need for return to classroom

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
MANAGING EDITOR

After seven years as head of the English department, Dr. Joe Lambert will step down to return to his first love, teaching.

Lambert said his resignation is somewhat overdue. He first mentioned the idea to College President Julio Leon two years ago, but was persuaded to "hang on a little longer."

"He was very able and capable," Leon said. "He was a good department head. We hate to see him resign."

Despite Leon's reluctance, Lambert officially will resign at the end of this academic year.

"The goals I set as a department head, I met two years ago," Lambert said. "I feel the department could use a fresh outlook."

Lambert began teaching at Missouri Southern as an assistant professor in 1970. While head of the department, he said he has missed interacting with students in a classroom situation on a full-time basis.

"My first love is teaching," he said. "I'm looking forward to being back in the classroom. I'm really student oriented."

Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs, said the administration understands Lambert's reasons for resigning.

"Being a department head is a

great responsibility," Brown said, "and most academic people, Dr. Lambert included, have teaching as their first motive for getting into the academic business."

"As sorry as we are that he won't be in that vital spot, we understand."

Brown said Lambert made his wishes known last semester.

"Of course we honor his request, with regret I might add. He is a fine gentleman and has been a good administrator."

As dictated by College policy, Lambert's announcement has triggered a nationwide search to fill the spot. The opening has been advertised in national media such as the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

"A search committee was appointed to look for a person to fill that slot," Brown said. "I understand they have had a number of applicants and are beginning to narrow those down."

The committee will present four or five finalists to the administration for consideration. Brown looks for a list of finalists "in the near future."

"If I knew an exact date, I'd be thrilled," he said. "These things are sometimes not the kind of things that are given to the certainties of time lines. There will be no snap decisions."

"Southern wants to recruit the person who will be absolutely best fit for the position."

Brown said the College is looking for a replacement who "possesses administrative ability, works well with students, will interface in a positive way with other departments and schools across the campus, and will understand the mission of the institution."



Dr. Joe Lambert

Foundation surpasses \$175,000 goal for 1991

BY KATY HURN
STAFF WRITER

It was a little bit like a locker room at last night's Phon-A-Thon.

While baseball players cranked out phone calls, there was an air of enthusiasm and maybe some relief, too, as the Missouri Southern Foundation already had surpassed its \$175,000 goal Tuesday night.

According to Sue Billingsly, director of the foundation, a substantial number of pledges were received in the last calling hour Tuesday night. At 8:30 p.m., \$5,000 were needed to boost funds beyond the goal, and by 9:30, it had been reached.

"We were really excited," Billingsly said. "They all worked very diligently last night. Gwen Hunt [director of public information] was the captain, and when she came in she said she would reach the goal, and she

did."

And it did not look like donations were lagging yesterday. Head baseball coach Warren Turner was busy replacing pledge cards and ensuring smooth operations as the team called. Two shifts of players participated.

David Standlee, a senior chemistry major, has been a volunteer caller for the Phon-A-Thon for the past four years. Last night he placed calls to people living anywhere between Arizona and Massachusetts.

"Some people aren't interested at all, but I had several pledges over \$100 and other callers had \$500 pledges," he said.

Ken Grundt, a senior economics and finance major, also has helped raise funds the past four years.

"It gets the people in the community involved in Missouri Southern," said Grundt, another baseball player.

Turner was pleased to be assisting



Freshman Kandy Hanafin rings her bell in celebration of a \$10 pledge.

in the search for funds last night.

"I pick most of the players who are outgoing to call," he said. "We do fund-raising all over the campus and community."

At the conclusion of the evening shift, pledges totalled \$187,583.29. Calling ends today.

Outcomes test to garner 600 Senior Assessment Day to provide first batch of data

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Officials eagerly are awaiting the scores of hundreds of seniors taking the ACT-COMP test next week, as the results will provide the first data by which the College can measure itself.

More than 300 seniors have signed up for the examination, scheduled for Wednesday in the Matthews Hall auditorium. The test is being divided into morning and afternoon shifts for the 600 expected participants.

This will be the first year the College will be able to use the tests as a yardstick—a large portion of the students, more than 200, also took an assessment test as freshmen. Results will allow the College to gauge its effectiveness, said Dr. Betty Israel, director of assessment.

"It's an opportunity to look at a pre-test and post-test situation," said Israel, who has been making calls to

those students who took their first assessment test as freshmen and encouraging them to take this year's test.

The test is a "comprehensive educational test," according to Israel, who noted individual departmental efforts to formulate assessment tests of their own. Most students also will take part in departmental assessment programs that same day, she said.

In order to provide a more casual atmosphere for the test, students will be served meals before taking the exam. Those taking the test in the morning will be served breakfast, while those taking the afternoon test will get lunch. After each meal, College President Julio Leon will address the seniors.

All seniors with 90 or more credit hours must take the exam before they can graduate. Though students may petition for a waiver from administrators, all senior-status stu-

dents are being urged to take the exam, said Israel.

"Very strict records are kept," she said. "We have very detailed records of who takes the test and who doesn't."

Some seniors, night-class students for example, have been granted waivers from the test because of day jobs that prohibit them from taking it, Israel said.

There are about 750 full-time seniors eligible to take the exam, Israel said, but many of those probably will not graduate in this calendar year, allowing them to postpone their major assessment test until the following year.

Reaction by students to the test has become more positive, Israel said.

"It has been a rewarding phenomenon for us," she said. "The reaction has been more positive this year. Some students have had gripes and discussions, but they're not like that when they get to us."

Campus tours pick up speed

Feedback 99 percent favorable

BY KATY HURN
STAFF WRITER

Gaining greater popularity each semester, campus tours are familiarizing prospective students with the College.

Organized by the admissions office, the tours are scheduled as student guides are available. They are held only during weekdays.

According to Pam Wemer, admissions counselor, a successful tour is

If needed, students may request to see a particular section of campus.

"We will arrange to tour certain departments if they want," Wemer said. "This is another advantage of smaller groups because everybody wants to see something different."

ODK volunteers have served as tour guides for the program since 1987. Members who sign up work two hours a week for 12 weeks and receive a \$100 stipend from the admissions office at the end of the

"Some students aren't familiar with the campus, so when they come here it's their very first impression."

—Pam Wemer, admissions counselor

crucial to getting any prospective student to select Missouri Southern.

"Some students aren't familiar with the campus, so when they come here it's their very first impression," she said.

Headed by student employees of the admissions office and volunteers from Omicron Delta Kappa, the tour groups are relatively small. Usually two or three students will schedule. Sometimes parents accompany the students as well.

Wemer said utilizing small groups is advantageous.

"They get to meet the tour guide, and it's a lot more personal," she said. "They can go in small places the big groups normally couldn't."

semester. Sixteen dollars is returned to ODK.

"It's our primary fund-raising event as well as our primary service project," said JoAnn Hollis, faculty secretary for ODK.

Although the tours have been available for some time, Wemer believes the admissions office is scheduling even more now.

"They've really started to become more popular," she said. "I think students have realized they can't just decide on a college by looking at a brochure."

Student feedback also has been favorable. According to Wemer, completed evaluations forms are positive 99 percent of the time.

EYES ON THE PRIZE



CHRIS COX/The Chart

Nationally known lecturer Juan Williams speaks of the importance of civil rights. The lecture, held yesterday in BSC, was sponsored by the Campus Activities Board in honor of Black History Month.

J.C. Penney to hold seminar at College

BY KAYLEA HUTSON
CAMPUS EDITOR

Organizers for "Looking the Part" hope to help Missouri Southern students catch the eye of job interviewers.

The seminar, to be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Matthews Hall auditorium, is designed to inform male students about sizing their suits.

"Looking the Part" is sponsored by J.C. Penney's in Joplin.

According to John Coodey, men's clothing wardrobe consultant, the workshop is designed to help students prepare for job interviews.

"It's tips on dressing for the upcoming job interviews and planning a career wardrobe," Coodey said. "We are doing this to expedite your people and help them know how to prepare themselves for job interviews as far as dress and fashion."

Prior to a demonstration on sizing suits, a film will begin the presentation. Coodey says its purpose is to inform students of the various men's fashions required for a professional appearance.

"It covers not only the look of the garment, but also the size and the silhouette," he said. "Generally, it's about the do's and don'ts on how to build a career wardrobe."

Coodey said the film stresses the importance of "packaging yourself in a way that people will remember you."

Coodey approached Southern with the idea for presenting this program after seeing a need for this type of information to reach the students.

"We have a lot of people coming into our store, into our suit department, requesting information on what's appropriate for a job interview. A lot of your students come in," he said. "In taking them through the suits and explaining to them the proper things that you would want to wear to an interview, I realized there was a need for a little expanded knowledge in that area."

Because of this need, J.C. Penney has developed a four-page guide to help men find their correct suit size, coat silhouette, and trouser drop. Students who attend the seminar will receive this guide.

According to Nancy Disharoon, director of career planning and placement, this is solely J.C. Penney's program.

"We did not approach them; they approached us and had this information that they wanted to get out to students," Disharoon said. "So I went down to look at the video that they were going to show and also the materials to see that it was in line with what we recommend."

Disharoon said the seminar will provide an opportunity for students to get necessary information about making decisions concerning the purchase of a suit and a career wardrobe.

Coodey said two \$50 gift certificates and several \$5 gift certificates will be given to attendants.

In addition, as an added incentive, students who attend the seminar will receive a 25 percent discount on J.C. Penney's Stafford line of suits.

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Shrinking budget causes cutbacks

Senate denies Rugby Club's funding request

BY JAN GARDNER
ARTS EDITOR

Operating on a remaining budget of only \$2,237 after last night's meeting, the Student Senate finds itself short on funds with only one-third of the semester behind it.

The shortage of funding has forced many of the senators to think twice before allocating money to various campus organizations.

The Pershing Rifles requested \$400 to attend the Army Aviation Association of America's annual convention in St. Louis April 10-14.

After minimal deliberation, the Senate voted unanimously to give the group the money.

Under old business, the Senate finance committee recommended \$1,000 for Alpha Epsilon Rho, an honor broadcasting society, who asked for the money to send four members to its national convention in Los Angeles.

Christina Watkins, spokeswoman for AERho, said the \$1,000 would cover approximately half of the expenditures for the trip, with its budget picking up the remainder of the tab.

Karen Taylor, Senate vice president, expressed concern about allocating \$1,000 to only four people, since the purpose of the Senate is to benefit the greatest number of students with the least amount of money, she said.

Tiffany Jakse, senior senator, moved to amend the motion to \$375, enough to cover the registration fee for the participants. The Senate agreed to allocate \$375 to AERho by a majority vote.

After tabling the issue of a \$130 allocation to the Missouri Southern Rugby Club until a member was available to respond to questions, the

Senate voted to allocate \$0 to the club after extensive discussion.

Phil Hamilton, treasurer and captain of the rugby team, explained that the money would be used for insurance for the players, new uniforms, expenses for a national tournament, and to pay referee salaries for two home games.

Hamilton said the rugby team attempted to raise money by selling T-shirts, but only managed to make enough to cover production costs.

Jakse pointed out that the total costs, when divided by the 25 players on the team, came to only \$40, which she believed could be provided by team members.

She said since the Senate allocated \$960 to the rugby team last semester for the same purpose and with an ever-shrinking Senate treasury, additional funds should not be provided.

Taylor amended the motion to allocate no money to the team, saying the Senate would be "making a big mistake if they voted to give them any money at all."

The Senate then deadlocked at 17-17 to amend the motion that would deny the club any funding.

Mary Hanewinkel, Senate president, then stepped in to cancel the motion and force a decision on the question.

After more discussion, the amendment was once again made to allocate \$0, which passed with a majority vote.

A funding request of \$500 to the 1991 Phon-A-Thon, tabled in last week's meeting, was denied due to the shortage of Senate funds. Senators said since the Phon-A-Thon had already reached its \$175,000 goal on Tuesday, there was little need to donate the money.

Karen Taylor moved to send a letter to Phon-A-Thon officials explaining that although the Senate supports the fund-raiser, its low treasury balance made it hard for it to approve the funding request. The motion passed unanimously.

The Senate's next meeting will not be held until Feb. 27.

CHECKING SOUTHERN OUT



High school students tour the campus under ominous skies Tuesday. Tours are organized by the admissions office and given by the office's student employees and Omicron Delta Kappa volunteers.

CHRIS COX/The Chart

Nurses to lobby at Capitol

BY DIANE VAN DERA
GLOBAL EDITOR

As part of a Missouri-wide nurses' gathering, Missouri Southern's Student Nurses Association will lobby at the State Capitol Wednesday.

According to Willie Shippee, SNA adviser, the meeting is an annual congregation. The nurses choose a lobbying day once a year to try to have a say in how their legislators vote on nursing issues.

"It's looking at how to influence the political process," Shippee said. "It's an on-going thing."

Southern's student nurses already have written letters to their legislators as part of the professional issues section of the Nursing Process with Adults II course.

Emma Jo Walker, Sara Hoover, and Mary Blevins, all junior nursing majors, will represent Southern at the Capitol. Blevins said she is looking forward to the trip.

"I really think it will be interesting," Blevins said. "We will have the opportunity to meet legislators and find out why they think the way they do on issues that have a real impact on us as nurses."

The main concerns of the lobbyists this year are the health care surrogate bill, the right to die bill, and a bill to change the Medical Practice Act.

Doris Elgin, associate professor of nursing, is scheduled to give a speech to the Missouri Nurses Association meeting before the lobbying begins. She will speak on how nurses can make a difference in local level government.

Shippee said 10 lobbyists from this area will travel to Jefferson City to meet with the rest of the state coalition. After the meetings, each district will meet with its legislators.

Shippee said Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) and Rep. Mark Elliott (R-Webb City) will have lunch with Southern's delegates.

MSTV receives national awards

BY KATY HURN
STAFF WRITER

In a "Top Station Search" conducted by the National Association of College Broadcasters, MSTV swept half the television awards.

Offering college radio and television stations a chance at fame, this first annual competition recognized those which integrate the finer aspects of broadcasting.

The competition focused on four categories: programming, promotions, community service, and overall station management. MSTV received awards for programming and management.

Judy Stiles, community service director for MSTV, said when entering the competition she believed MSTV's programming capabilities were its strongest suit.

"We have student productions and community productions covering a wide variety of topics," Stiles said. "We can provide specialized and localized programming, and it gives a lot of organizations an outlet for exposure."

"We have a lot of potential for continuing to serve the community and reaching out into other areas."

Cable 7 at Fort Valley (Ga.) State College received the community service award. No one was selected in the television promotions category.

Winning television and radio stations will be recognized in the February issue of *College Broadcaster*.

"The publication will go to colleges across the country," Stiles said. "It will make phone numbers available so we can communicate and find out what others are doing."

Stiles is pleased about the recognition for MSTV.

"I would think a prospective student would see it as a sign of a positive and progressive program in the communications department," she said. "We strive to do a good job here and it's nice recognition for the students, faculty, and the community involved."

Radio and television stations also vied for the "Station of the Year" title, though ultimately no television station was selected.

"In the TV category we were not as impressed with the overall strength," said Glenn Gutmacker, publications director for the NACB. "If we had named a TV station it probably would have been MSTV."

According to Gutmacker, the NACB likely will have a corporate sponsor for the competition next year and may be able to give away cash awards.

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Raising tuition

With state budget problems as serious as they are, raising tuition at Missouri's individual schools is somewhat akin to applying one's brakes after the crash.

That's not to say it should not be done. Such increases are a necessary evil. Administrators have little option but to pass the buck when looking for money. Students will always get it in the end, so to speak.

Missouri Southern is no different. College President Julio Leon has said that an increase probably won't rise above 10 percent, but to the average student paying the bills, that doesn't make pulling the wallet from the pocket any easier.

For years, students have been first to the chopping block, absorbing the initial blow of money shortages. Now, however, it may be time for other parts of the institution to share in the sorrow. While immensely unpopular, freezing faculty salaries may not be the worst-case scenario for Southern. Every year, faculty have been getting raises, although small by most comparisons. But their plight, as well as the students', should reflect the financial hunger of the state. It's time to temporarily lose sight of the fact that salaries don't meet national averages—that's an ill better cured at a later date.

Rest assured, the College's budget freeze will be felt all over. From potential maintenance slashes to new equipment cuts to a new-books freeze, the current money situation will give us chills.

Good job, but...

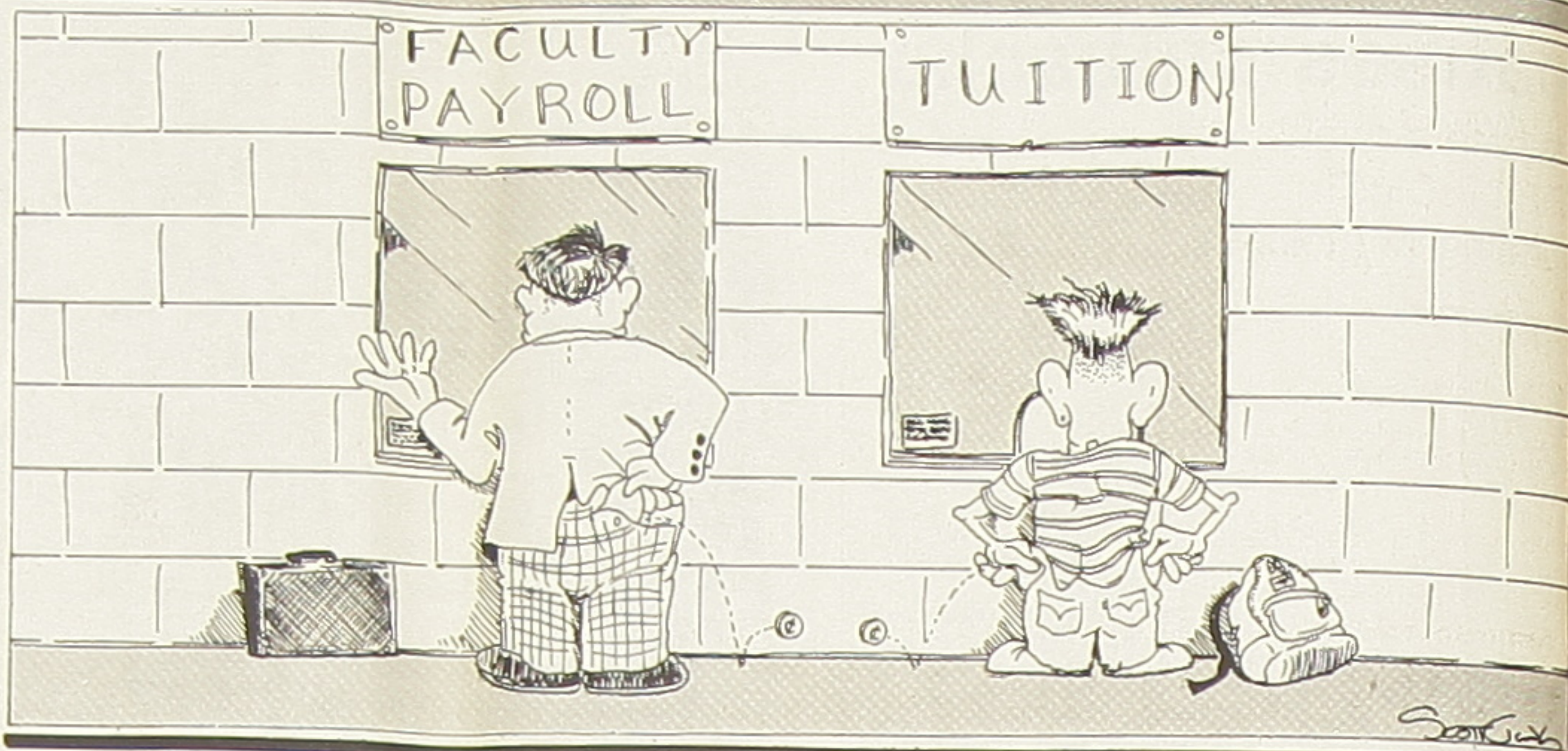
The Student Senate should be applauded for its recent show of restraint in doling out money, though it still finds itself in a fix.

With nearly three months worth of meetings left this semester, it has just over \$2,200 to spend, with organizations still in line for financial help. It's a sticky situation.

Last night's meeting, however, showed reason for hope. Senators displayed the kind of caution and reasoning that will help save money that could better be used elsewhere. It's too bad it took a shrinking bank account to make the Senate nervous.

And we still have to wonder why the Senate gave itself \$2,000 to fund a lobbying trip to Jefferson City. The trip provides little more than a free lunch for legislators who often forget the name of the hosting school. And in these days of money shortages, allocating that amount of student-generated activity fees should produce results that are visible to the students who pay for the trip; the trip must be accountable to its financiers. The argument that this is one of those ventures where invisible gains are had is pure hogwash. The annual effort of the Senate to spend money on itself (under the idea that it is serving a higher public relations order for the College) is a hoax.

Let's make this year the last one for a Student Senate lobby.



Exploring feelings is appropriate today

BY T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Valentine's Day is traditionally a day for lovers to acknowledge the object (or objects) of their affection with cards, flowers, candy, and sometimes engagement rings.

While most people have mastered the social skills associated with the holiday, few fully understand the concept of love. Perhaps it is inherent in the emotion for this to be opaque, but even so, the words should carry much weight and feeling.

Complete understanding and appreciation of love involves more than a few requisite gifts or warm feelings. Love is a complex human emotion, with as many interpretations as there are individuals.

In an effort to better explore and examine my own feelings, I did some research into the thoughts of others. In the spirit of the holiday, I thought I would share my top 10 favorite quotations on love.

■ 10. "Love is a stupidity of two"—Napoleon Bonaparte, *Epigram*.
Napoleon, never one to be at a loss for words, makes the list twice.

■ 9. "Love is the occupation of the idle man, the distraction of the warrior, the peril of the sovereign."

Cliches, while trite, are a part of the lover's vernacular, and the old standby "Love is blind" rates a



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pair of spots in the top 10.

■ 8. "If Jack's in love, he's no judge of Jill's beauty."—Benjamin Franklin in *Poor Richard's Almanac*.

■ 7. "Love looks through spectacles which make copper appear gold, riches poverty, and weak eyes distill pearls."—Cervantes, *Don Quixote*.

Although love may be blind, according to another of our guest wordsmiths, it is also quite strong.

■ 6. "If you love me as I love you, what knife can cut our love in two?"—Rudyard Kipling, *An Old Song*.

How does this powerful force called love develop? Answers range from the deep and philosophical to the humorous, as expressed by an anonymous theorist.

■ 5. "Love, like a poker game, starts with a pair; with her getting a flush, him showing a diamond, and both ending up together with a full house."

Love is seldom without pain, and yet there exists some pleasure in having loved. Phyllis Battle, in the *New York Journal American*, expresses this in the next quotation.

■ 4. "If you haven't had at least a slight poetic crack in the heart, you have been cheated by nature."

Sex is, unquestionably, a part of love's progress. Whatever one's views on premarital sex, persons in love at some time or another frequently become intimate. Despite the regular exposure to sexual issues, some in our society find that concept difficult as well.

■ 3. "Sex is something I don't understand too hot...I keep making up these sex rules for myself, and then I break them right away."—Holden Caulfield in J.D. Salinger's *The Catcher in the Rye*.

Despite its strength and power, love is always changing. In Emily Bronte's novel *Wuthering Heights*, Cathy describes her love for Heathcliff:

■ 2. "My love is like foliage in the woods. Time will change it, as winter changes the trees."

The first nine selections have portrayed love as dangerous, strong, ever developing and changing, bitter yet sweet, and sexually confusing. The last one, and my all-time favorite, is implicit in its expression of these. What it explicitly illustrates is an example of pure love.

■ 1. "I have found it impossible to carry the heavy burden of responsibility and to discharge my duties as king as I would wish to do without the help and support of the woman I love."—Edward, Duke of Windsor, in his Dec. 11, 1936, speech abdicating the English throne.

All right, I'm somewhat of a romantic. Sue me. These words, and the selflessness they convey, seem to me to be the very foundation of lasting love. I certainly hope the old expression "I love you is usually said with a big 'I' and a little 'you' is losing its ring of truth."

The phrase "I love you" has become, I am convinced, overly used. In the same way "How are you?" and "Fine" have been paired and spoken automatically without concern for the truth of the words, our expression of love has become the thing to say anytime any affection is felt toward another.

Today, from 1-2:15 p.m., the Modern Communications Club meeting will focus on "A Hundred and One Ways to Say I Love You." I think the topic is a great idea, and I'll be there. I just wish somebody would convince folks that in whatever language or dialect, those words should have greater meaning.

Marketing strategies useful in job hunt

BY BRUCE KELLEY
FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT

One of the many rewards of teaching is to see your students be successful upon graduation. Because of this, the current economic situation concerns me greatly since many corporations have or will undoubtedly reduce the number of entry-level "hires," at least for the short term. I believe, however, that by recognizing the problem and preparing for this eventuality, the detrimental effect can be minimized.

A lesson can be learned by studying the marketing strategy of the soft drink industry several years ago, particularly the bottlers of 7-Up. Faced with declining popularity, 7-Up was looking for a solution. Rather than change their formula, which is always risky, they looked for some characteristic which would set their



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product apart from the colas.

The rest is history. They adopted the "never had it, never will" no-caffeine campaign. You know the results. Other vendors were forced to develop no-caffeine products and to dilute their shelf space to accommodate the new products. The sales of 7-Up soared and probably contributed at least indirectly to a consideration of the health hazards of caffeine.

The lesson? When the graduates this year begin their job search, they must look for that characteristic which will separate them from the ordinary. Once this feature has been identified, a creative method of emphasizing the characteristic must be designed.

One positive trait which seems to attract employers is the active participation in professional or discipline-specific organizations. The key is active participation. Mere membership is not enough. Students should aspire to become an officer, a committee chair, or in some fashion exhibit their interest in the discipline or profession, their ability to accept responsibility, and

proof of their individual initiative. Members, however, find that there are also intangible results.

Educational opportunity, networking, job contacts, and a chance to measure oneself against other members are all listed as benefits of membership. Certainly these are valid benefits, but I see the principle advantage being the development of interpersonal and communication skills, both of which are critical in the work place.

Clearly if one can manage people in a volunteer organization with no leverage, one has shown the ability to work with people. The ability to work with people and the ability to function in a group are characteristics most often required by employers. In fact, in some cases employers will allow this experience to substitute for actual job experience, providing an escape from the catch-22 of required experience for entry-level jobs.

Membership in a student organization, available to all students at little or no cost, can lead to a positive characteristic which can be exploited, which can be the factor that leads to that first interview and first job offer. Ultimately, the factor which will allow both of us to smugly savor your success.

YOUR LETTERS

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Rodeo at MSSC: a thumbs-up

I want to thank Ms. Blackwood for having the courage to voice her convictions (Jan. 24) regarding rodeo and MSSC.

I regret that she acted on information not consistent with truth or reality. It is obvious her concern is genuine. I would like to address some of her concerns and offer her the chance to observe and evaluate the truth about the sport first hand.

Rodeo is far from being an anachronism. While it has evolved from an American historical background it is still very representative of our contemporary ranching industry.

Rodeo has never positioned or presented itself as a training or "taming" program for wild animals" as Ms. Blackwood implied. Neither are

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Letter unfair to education majors

I really am steamed, to put it mildly! The letter of Mr. Neuberger's (Jan. 31) was a very unfair indictment of students majoring in education. How dare he make such accusations/insinuations? For the most part, any general geography class would not be populated in large part by education majors since such a class is usually taken at either the freshman or sophomore level. Students are not usually identified as education majors until they enter the junior block classes. At that time, in order to become education majors it is necessary for them to have at least a 2.5 GPA, a score of at least 20 on the ACT, must have passed all sections of the C-Base test, in addition to other requirements. Question: Are other

majors required to meet comparable standards?

I have no idea what precipitated such a slanderous indictment of education majors as a whole. However, I do know one thing for sure. I am very proud of the majority of students who are products of our program. I consider statements such as Mr. Neuberger's a personal affront.

True, and thank God for it, we live in a country where we value freedom of speech. Mr. Neuberger is entitled to his opinion. However, I really feel he is ill informed and needs to be a bit more responsible in pronouncing judgements.

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Bhutto fears war will be drawn out

Anti-West sentiment growing

BY BENAZIR BHUTTO
NEW PERSPECTIVES QUARTERLY

[Editor's note: Benazir Bhutto was prime minister of Pakistan from 1988-90. As such, she was the first woman leader in the Islamic world. Now, she is the leader of the opposition Pakistan People's Party. After a military coup in 1977 ousted her father—Zulfikar Ali Bhutto—from power, she spent nearly six years under house arrest or in prison.]

With the outbreak of military conflict in the Persian Gulf, the great danger is that this crisis is coming to be seen in the Islamic world as a confrontation with the West. The more the war is prolonged, the more the real issue at stake—Iraq's occupation of Kuwait—will be lost. Already, as I feared, the war is creating an anti-Western bitterness across the entire Muslim world that could take decades to reverse.

In Pakistan, for example, I was severely criticized by fundamentalists two weeks ago for even visiting the United States. The ears of other leaders of the Pakistan People's Party were attacked. Enraged mobs surrounded their homes and threatened to burn them down.

To avert just this kind of reaction, I had appealed without success to the U.N. Secretary-General and to U.S. President George Bush to avoid war by extending the Jan. 15 deadline for Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait. This would have permitted more time for a political solution.

It was clear that threatening Saddam Hussein with such a deadline was a miscalculation. Such an approach, it is now evident, only ensured his intransigence and encouraged his martyrdom.

The Pakistani people, as well as others in the Muslim nations, need to be reminded that Iraq started this conflict by breaching international law and invading Kuwait. Yet, in the minds of many Muslims, the objective of removing Iraqi forces from Kuwait has now been all but forgotten, overshadowed by the fact that Western planes are bombing Muslim masses.

To contain the disastrous slide toward a conflict between civilizations, the West should allow a pause in the bombing so that Islamic leaders themselves can seek a political solution to the gulf crisis—a solution that, above all, restores the sovereignty of Kuwait and also addresses the need for a comprehensive Middle East peace.

Even if such an initiative fails, it will have the salutary effect of giving Islamic nations a sense of participation in trying to end the conflict, thus dampening the emotional backlash based on a perception that the West is waging war against us.

From the Pakistani standpoint, I repeat emphatically that the original issue must be kept in sight. We must resist the occupation of Kuwait and stand on the principle of international law. Otherwise, India's occupation of Kashmir will also be forgotten. We must oppose a larger state invading a smaller state. Otherwise, a large state like India could invade with impunity a smaller state like Pakistan.

We must also remember that the U.S. was invited into Saudi Arabia by the Saudi government. Had the Saudis asked Pakistan for assistance, and had I still been in government,

I would have responded to their call to help protect their territorial integrity—just as the Saudis have supported us on the issue of Kashmir. If Pakistan had a conflict with India, for instance, we would need the Saudis' assistance and would expect it.

It is my hope that, once the tragic war in the gulf is resolved, the world community will shift its forces to other U.N. resolutions concerning issues that threaten peace and justice in the region.

The implementation of U.N. Resolution 678 calling for Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait should be a precedent for an international conference to address resolutions 242 and 338. (These resolutions call for Israeli withdrawal from occupied areas and recognize the right of all states in the region to secure borders.)

Such a conference could resolve the most dangerous and festering problem in the Middle East—the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people—and lead to a just and comprehensive peace among all the states of the region.

And, as the world community turns its attention to U.N. resolutions on the Middle East, it is imperative that other long-standing resolutions also be implemented, especially Security Council Resolution 47 regarding Kashmir.

Kashmir stands out as a continuing symbol of oppression and injustice. For 40 years, the Muslims of Kashmir have been denied the right to choose their own government, their own homeland, their own destiny.

Resolution 47 guarantees to the Kashmiri people a plebiscite to decide their future and to determine whether they want to be a part of India or Pakistan. Yet the government of India has repeatedly ignored it.

If this and other U.N. resolutions remain unimplemented after the gulf crisis, the step forward in constructing a new world order during 1990 will take two steps back in 1991.

In Pakistan, I believe the backlash against Western involvement in the gulf war can be contained if the legitimate rights of the Kashmiri and Palestinian are addressed in accordance with the U.N. resolutions. If the West fails in its commitment to these other resolutions, it will feed the considerable sympathy that has arisen for Saddam Hussein on both the right and left in the Muslim world since the war began.

Saddam Hussein's appeal is now very broad. He appeals to the religious fundamentalists who have taken over from the Saudis as custodian of Islam's holiest sites at Mecca and Medina. He appeals to the left when he argues that he is fighting the privileged on behalf of the underprivileged.

For the last half of the 20th century, the social and economic priorities of the world were distorted by the Cold War conflict between capitalism and socialism. If the West can appreciate the perceptions and interests of the Muslim world, and the Muslim world can appreciate the necessity of upholding international law as the rule by which the community of nations can live side by side, there still may be a chance to avoid the terrible divisiveness of a deadly new conflict between Islam and the West in the 21st century.

EARTHWEEK: A DIARY OF THE PLANET

Earthquakes

A devastating Himalayan temblor, and scores of terrifying aftershocks, may have killed more than 1,000 people in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Relief workers say the official death toll may have been exaggerated, especially in Afghanistan, but large-scale destruction of homes and other buildings was reported from the Soviet republics of Tadzhikistan and Uzbekistan to northern Pakistan. The region was plagued by several strong aftershocks, some of which unleashed avalanches that claimed 40 lives. Torrential rains and snow hampered relief efforts throughout the Himalayan region, and triggered massive floods in the days after the initial earthquake on Feb. 1. Doctors in Pakistan report that at least 32 people suffered heart attacks as the quake roared through the country—some thinking it was the impact of a U.S. nuclear bomb striking Iraq.

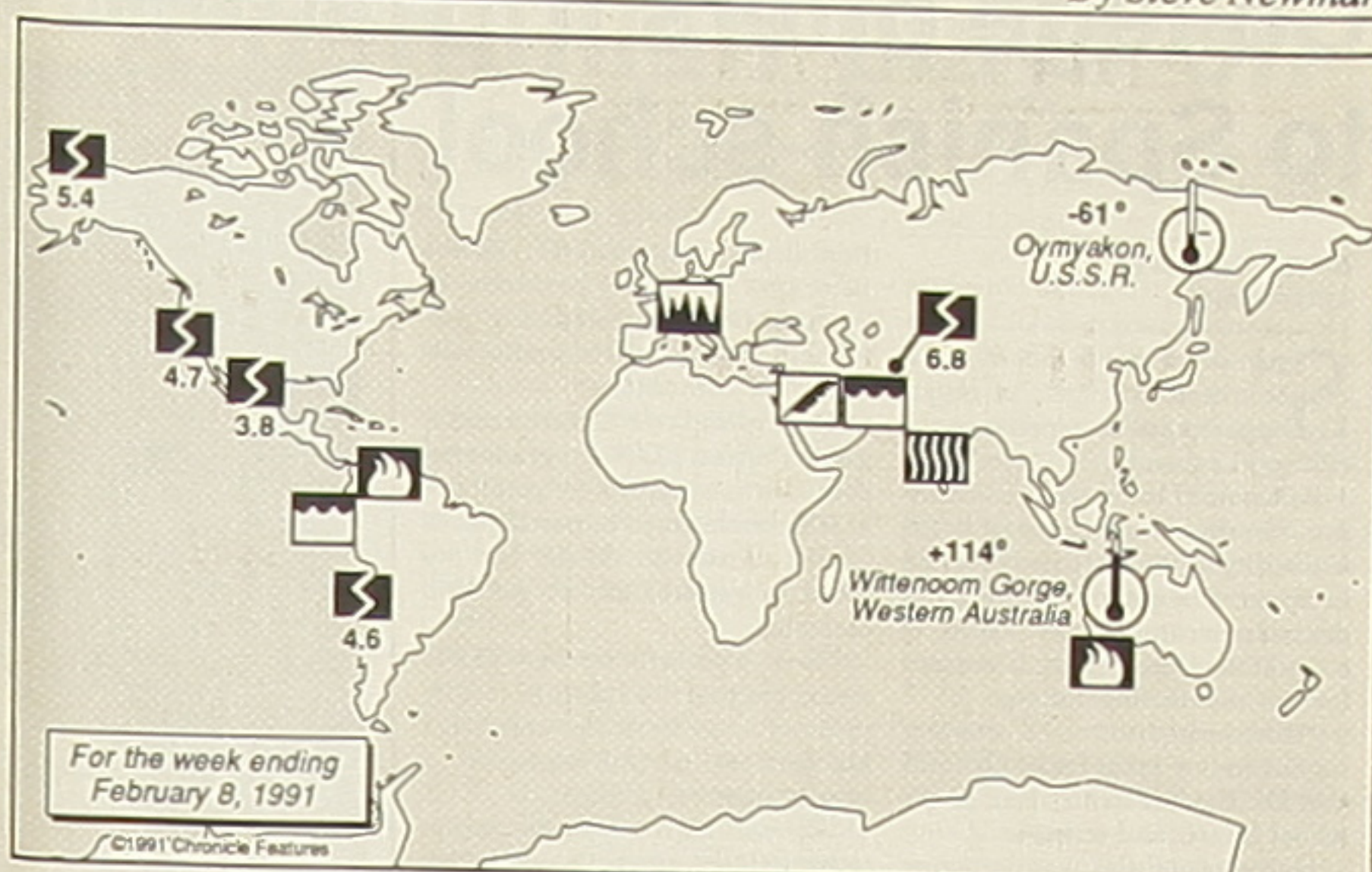
Earth movements were also felt in coastal Chile, the Mexican state of Chihuahua, northern Alaska, and on California's Big Sur coast.

Floods

The worst flooding of the past century hit southeastern Iran, destroying 168 villages and leaving at least 50,000 homeless in Sistan-Baluchistan, one of the country's poorest provinces. The floods immediately followed the previous week's black, oily rains and thick smoke cloud caused by the burning of oil fields and facilities in Kuwait by occupying Iraqi forces. Floods in seven Ecuadorian provinces killed 14 people and destroyed thousands of acres of crops.

War Heat

The president of India's National Society for Air Pollution Control blamed the sudden increase of day and nighttime temperatures in Bombay on the outbreak of war in the Persian



Gulf, 1,300 miles away. The recent warming was attributed to "greenhouse-effect gasses" resulting from the enormous fuel combustion of missiles and burning oil fields, as well as to the supersonic flights of warplanes. "At no comparable time in recent world history have so many fossil fuels and rockets been burned as in the northern Gulf area during the past two weeks," said the society president P.R. Gharekhan.

Cold Wave

A biting Siberian chill spread from the Soviet Union into central Europe, and finally to the British Isles by late in the week. As sub-freezing temperatures swept Czechoslovakia, a nationwide coal shortage forced officials to close some schools. British charities warned that hundreds of elderly people could die if the government didn't take immediate action to protect them from the most severe cold in four years. The freeze

in Romania caused domestic gas pressure to fall dramatically, leaving many unable to cook. In Greece, four people died as the bitter winds dropped temperatures to minus four degrees Fahrenheit in some spots, and hundreds of thousands of chickens froze to death on the island of Evia, northeast of Athens. The French Riviera received its first dusting of snow in five years.

Wildfires

A fire devoured 25,000 acres of unspoiled rain forests in Colombia's Macarena jungle region, about 450 miles south of Bogota. The fire, of unknown origin, raged out of control for several days.

Fires spawned by record summer heat swept parts of Western Australia state, threatening outlying suburbs of Perth and several other towns. The weather bureau said that Perth's high of 113 degrees was the hottest since record-keeping began in 1897.

Desert Sentinels

News-pool correspondents discovered that U.S. soldiers are using chickens as first alerts against chemical weapon attacks. At one air base in northern Saudi Arabia, "There are chickens everywhere you turn along the front line, standing guard for the troops," according to Storer H. Rowley of the *Chicago Tribune* and Alexander G. Higgins of the Associated Press. "Buford" is the command chicken at the air base, "Walter" guards the gate, and "Saddam" protects within the rows of desert-brown tents. "Runway" is the backup chicken, whose untimely death in a gas attack would confirm the presence of lethal agents, and warn soldiers to leave their chemical gear on. Many on the base say they are eyeing the chickens, in hopes of a southern-style victory barbecue.

Additional Sources: U.S. Climate Analysis Center, U.S. Earthquake Information Center and the World Meteorological Organization.

Geo-political understanding necessary

Bush, Hussein dueling for political victory

BY MARK ANCELL
SENIOR BUSINESS MAJOR

To be completely victorious in this gulf war, an allied understanding of the people, history, and the problems affecting the region is necessary.

In the conflict, Bush is dealing with numerous and complicated political and cultural ramifications.

War in the Persian Gulf region is neither new or infrequent to its people.

For at least 5,000 years, war has been waged between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers in what is now called Iraq.

In the 18th century B.C., Hammurabi vanquished the invading armies in Mesopotamia, and Alexander the Great conquered the area with his Macedonians in 331 B.C.

While Bush believes he will emerge from the conflict as the leader of the New World Order, Saddam Hussein claims he is the reincarnation of Nebuchadnezzar II, the ruthless monarch of the Chaldean (old Iraq) Empire. Nebuchadnezzar subdued Judea and captured Jerusalem during his rule of Babylon.

Bush looks to the allied coalition for assistance in the Gulf war, while Hussein is attempting to gain sympathy in the Arab world by using

guile ploys. His goal is now evident: take an unavoidable military defeat and exploit it amongst the Arabs as a political victory.

The last major Arab-Israeli war was in 1973-74, when the Arabs attacked on two fronts—Egypt from the Suez Canal, and Syria from the Golan Heights—during Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish calendar. Previous to that conflict was the 1967 six-day war.

Both times, the Arabs were turned back decisively with 679 Israeli casualties to 20,000 Arabs dead in just the six-day war alone.

After each defeat, President Nasser of Egypt grew in popularity within the Arab world because he stood up to the Western power—in essence he won politically by losing militarily.

Because the past wars in the Middle East have never had a simultaneous military victory and political victory, Bush has been careful to win over partial Arab support and prevent an Iraqi victory, no matter how small.

Egypt counts largely in Arab support, with two divisions in the U.S.-led coalition. The Egyptian population contains one-half of all Arabs in the world.

Syrian President Hafez Assad, Hussein's oldest Arab enemy, has wasted no time in condemning him. Although Syria was once labeled as a "terrorist state" by the U.S., the West is now welcoming it as a military ally. It is important to note, however, that Syria also owns Soviet-made Scud missiles and has unfinished business with Israel.

Another country that is jockeying for a favorable position is Turkey. For allowing the coalition to use its air bases, Ozal's country has already received: \$1.1 billion of free oil from Saudi Arabia; \$300 million from Japan; Patriot missiles; and U.S. and German planes.

For its continued action, Turkey could stand to gain entry into the European Economic Community and receive more economic aid.

Iran wants no part in the war and has publicly stated that it would be suicide to side with Hussein. Iran has learned first hand what it is like to be on the receiving side of Iraq's Scud missiles. This may be why Iran has chosen to hold Iraqi military planes seeking refuge in Iran.

Last week, a large rift appeared in the neutrality of Jordan with the hard-line speech of King Hussein. He accused the Bush Administration of using the war to dominate the Middle East and wage war against all Arabs and Muslims, not just Iraq. It would seem that this so-called moderate has slammed the door on its close ties with the West due to the radical majority of Palestinians in his country crying out for blood.

Through his 38 years as Jordan's leader, King Hussein knows the U.S. will forgive him for this attitude. However, Saddam Hussein would not forgive him for siding with the U.S. Attempting to wage his war as a peace-broker, King Hussein hopes to be the vital link between Western countries and post-war Iraq. This plan could lead to great rewards for the King, or could crush him altogether.

Oddly enough, diplomats and political leaders are uncharacter-

istically pushing for a combined air-ground assault. French President Francois Mitterrand last week said a ground offensive would begin "sometime this month." Some Arab leaders fear that if the campaign is not completed by mid-March (the Islamic holy month of Ramadan), Hussein will use this to inflame the Arabs.

If he could prove to the world the bombing campaign is an attack on all Arabs, or could engage the coalition in a prolonged ground war, the multi-national allies might start to break up. Because of this latter and more credible threat, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, probably will suggest that the U.S. should continue bombing Iraqi military targets for weeks before launching the second stage.

Already, Saddam Hussein is moving command and control centers into civilian neighborhoods, including anti-aircraft batteries placed on the roofs of schools. With the threat of collateral damage looming, sand storms and hot weather making ground operations more difficult, and pilots running into problems of diminishing returns, some analysts are of the opinion that a ground offensive will start sooner rather than later.

When the Allies win, Bush must best maximize the victory and minimize Hussein's political victory.

After close analysis of the region by Bush and the allies, a conclusion was drawn that they must treat the invaders of Kuwait as aggressors and work to prevent a regional escalation. Only by this policy can the region's conflicts as a whole be solved.

Citizens start to help airlift refugees

ASAHI NEWS SERVICE

Japanese citizens are coming out of their political shells to chip away at a cornerstone of Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu's Persian Gulf policy.

While his government's controversial plan to send military aircraft to the Middle East to evacuate refugees is bogged down in the Diet, Christians and citizens' groups have begun chartering planes to airlift refugees in hopes of pre-empting the first non-training, overseas dispatch of Japanese forces since World War II.

Takako Doi, chairwoman of the largest opposition party, the Social Democratic Party of Japan, told a press conference: "I'm deeply moved at the people's initiative. I'm sure it will greatly help stop the government's unconstitutional plot."

Kaifu has announced plans to send four to five of the Air Self-Defense Forces' C-130 Hercules cargo planes if the Geneva-based International

Organization for Migration (IOM) requests help. He called the dispatch a "manpower" contribution demanded by the international community in addition to Japan's financial aid to the multinational forces.

The citizen initiatives that began spreading nationwide late last month aim at offering the IOM enough commercial planes to render Kaifu's plan moot.

As of Feb. 8, five organizations of Christians, doctors, businessmen, and ordinary citizens had gathered about 170 million yen (\$1.3 million) in donations. This is enough to charter 26 Boeing 727s from Royal Jordanian Airline to evacuate about 3,600 refugees from Amman, Jordan, to Cairo, Egypt, said Munetoshi Maejima, spokesman at the National Christian Council, a leading Japanese Protestant organization.

All evacuation operations will be directed by the IOM, and Japanese groups will pay the money to the

commercial airlines hired by the IOM, he said.

Other organizations involved are the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Japan, doctors and nurses at Tokyo's Jujin Hospital, the business-supported International Friendship Association, which sends Japanese youth abroad, and a group of Takako Doi supporters.

Two nationwide Buddhist sects plan to join the grass-roots efforts, said the National Christian Council's Maejima.

"Although each organization has its own standpoint, I joined this initiative because we believe the military dispatch will embarrass Japanese in the region," said Takayuki Fukushima, chairman of the International Friendship Association.

Fumihiko Umezawa, director of Jujin Hospital, said, "It's not time for endless debate, it's time for immediate action to help suffering refugees."

animals provoked to "aggressive behavior" as she incorrectly has been led to believe.

Rodeo does use electric prods. In that statement she was accurate. Those prods are the same ones used in all livestock industry for the same humane reasons. The mild electric shock can not hurt the animal but is a safe and harmless means of moving livestock from pen to pen. The electric prod thus eliminates the use of dangerous "sharp sticks" and hitting animals, etc.

I have been in professional rodeo nearly 18 years. During that time I have neither seen nor heard of anything like "caustic ointment" being used to "irritate and upset" rodeo animals as she implied.

Ms. Blackwood said the bucking strap is "tightly cinched around the horse or bull on the abdomen or groin." A lesson in basic anatomy will show this too as incorrect. The bucking strap (a four-inch wide leather apparatus covered with thick

sheep wool) fits in the same area as your belt. It is an unnatural feeling for the animal. All the bucking strap does is stimulate the kicking action on the animal whose natural inclination is to buck. It does not inflict harm. It would be like wearing your belt a couple of holes too tight for eight seconds.

Animals who buck do so because it is their nature. If you were to put the bucking strap on a gentle saddle horse and allow him time to adjust to the new equipment (just as he had to adjust to the saddle and bridle) you'd find that he would not buck. The claims made were sincere but drastically and sadly misinformed.

The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association follow a strict and closely monitored set of rules focused on the humane treatment of livestock. Heavy fines are levied against anyone who violates those guidelines. The PRCA and NIRA work very openly and willingly

with the largest and most respected of humane associations.

I'm sure Dr. Haber is a reputable and honest veterinarian. I would, however, challenge him to produce documented, modern-day facts that come even close to what was stated in Ms. Blackwood's commentary.

If Ms. Blackwood's interest is genuine, and I believe it is, I would like to show her first hand the real workings behind the scenes at a college rodeo. There is one in Fort Scott, Kan., in March. In fact, if she would like to select the animal of her choice to ride without a bucking strap (to prove that they are only aggressive with outside stimulation) that could be arranged.

I hope Ms. Blackwood and others will observe first hand what really goes on in the world of rodeo. If they do there's little doubt their next editorial will read quite differently.

Lyle Sankey
Branson, Mo.

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College offers trip to Spanish school

BY P.J. GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

Spanish students at Missouri Southern will get a unique opportunity to experience the culture they study.

As a part of its international mission, Southern has taken part in the University of Rhode Island Program in Spain. The program allows students from around the world to study at the University of Salamanca for one month this summer.

"Our inspiration is a concept similar to our program in Oxford," said Dr. Ray Malzahn, dean of the school of arts and sciences.

Malzahn said this was not going to be an easy program. Southern's eligibility requirements will be stricter than URI's requirements.

"It's not a vacation; it's a true university study," he said. "It's rigorous. We wanted to be sure of a true, quality program."

The program is open to graduates and undergraduates who have an overall grade-point average of 3.3 and a minimum 3.5 GPA in Spanish. Participants must have at least 65 total credit hours with a minimum of 15 credit hours of Spanish. URI only requires one year of Spanish.

"We wanted them to be secure and comfortable when they go over there," he said.

The selection committee consists of Dr. Delores Honey, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs; Richard Massa, communica-

tions department head; Dr. Vernon Peterson, associate professor of Spanish; Dr. Carmen Carney, professor of Spanish, and Malzahn, who chairs the committee.

The trip will cost \$2,900 for undergraduates and \$3,100 for graduates. Southern has agreed to grant five \$1,000 scholarships to participants.

"We wanted to do the best we could to get students to go," said Malzahn.

There also will be one \$2,000 award granted to a full-time faculty member to study at the university. Malzahn sees several reasons for a faculty member going.

"We will have a resource person to go with the group," he said. "It's a wonderful opportunity for a faculty member to study abroad."

The Southern group will leave Kansas City by plane June 30 and arrive the next day in Madrid.

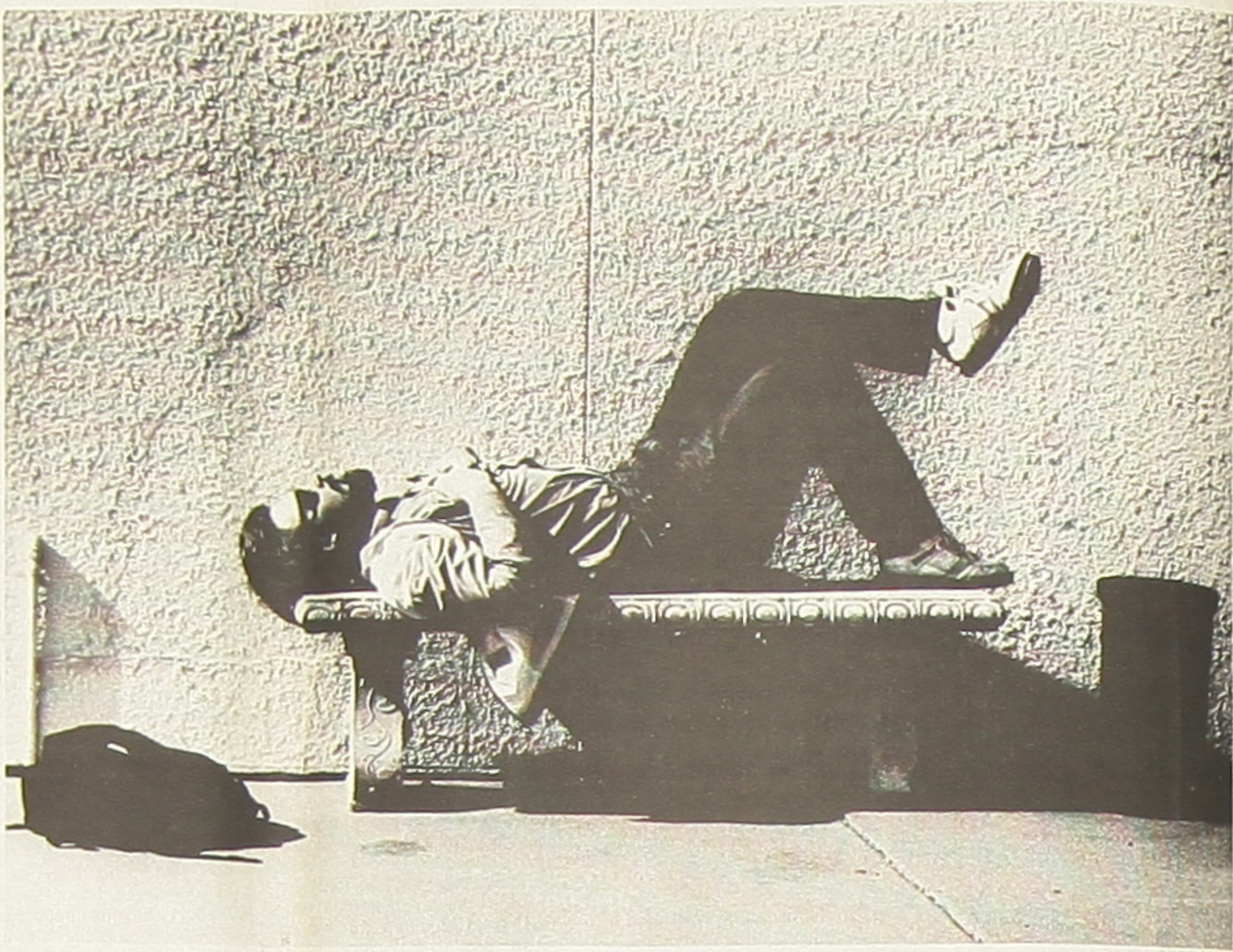
Although overseas travel has been slowed by the war in the Persian Gulf, Malzahn does not believe students will be frightened off.

"Right now, we don't think that is the case," he said.

Malzahn said if Southern or URI thought it was dangerous to travel abroad, the trip would be called off. He said all fees would be refunded should this happen.

After their arrival, students will be given placement tests to determine which area they will study. The two options are Intensive Undergraduate Language and Culture or Literature, Language, and Culture.

SLEEPING BEAUTY?



CHRIS COX/The Chart

Warmer temperatures allowed Larry Opperman, senior environmental health major, to catch some sleep Tuesday in front of the Mansion.

Amnesty group to host concert

BY PAUL HOOD
STAFF WRITER

While the campus chapter of Amnesty International is forming, the local community chapter of the organization is planning an on-campus concert to raise money.

The concert is scheduled from 2-6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 17 in the Lions' Den at Missouri Southern.

Five local bands will perform, including headliner Ace Moreland and a blues musician. Two other blues bands—Night Train and The Butler Brothers—will be playing, along with guitar rock performers The Missionaries and country/folk artists

The Jeff Graham Band.

Nancy Bishop, a member of Amnesty International, said the concert is a "good mix of music and it's all for a good cause."

Cathy Hutchison, president of the Joplin chapter, described the concert as "our major effort this year to raise money for Amnesty International."

"The concert could really help us," she said. "About everything but the BSC (Billingsly Student Center) has been donated."

Amnesty International is a worldwide organization which supports human rights by working for the release of prisoners of conscience.

At the concert, local members of Amnesty International will sell T-

shirts and buttons. There also will be petitions requesting the release of prisoners which people may sign. Group members will have letters people can take with them as part of Amnesty International's continuous letter-writing campaigns to free political prisoners.

"Any time we do an activity it is also a consciousness-raising event," Hutchison said. "We try to make people aware of Amnesty International and what we do."

According to Hutchison, the local chapter has been working on a campaign to help refugees from Honduras, El Salvador, and other parts of Latin America troubled by political turmoil.

The organization is working to free Mehmet Isik, a political prisoner in Turkey.

"The Kurdish people are considered lower than low in all the Arab countries," Hutchison said.

According to her, Isik spoke out against the treatment of Kurdish people and was thrown in prison. He worked on *Voices*, a Turkish magazine. Prior to publication of articles criticizing the government's treatment of the Kurds, the government seized the magazines.

Isik then took his message to the streets and was arrested, convicted, and imprisoned for expressing his views.

According to Hutchison, Isik was

given a sentence of nearly five years and has already served nearly four years.

"We have no idea what his position is," she said. "We received a Christmas card from him which was encouraging, but we're sure it had to go through government censors."

Hutchison added that "none of the Arab countries are above torture."

"He's in a jail for prisoners of conscience," she said. "so his chances for being abused are high."

Money raised from the Feb. 17 concert will be used to support the local chapter and also the head office of Amnesty International.

Admission is \$5 at the door.

Upcoming Events

TODAY

Feb. 14

Sigma Pi Ticket Sale: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Stairwell of BSC
Koinonia: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Basement of Apt. B
LDSSA: Noon, Rm. 306, BSC
Art League: Noon, Rm. 305A, Spiva Art Center
Modern Communications Club: "101 Ways to say 'I Love You,'" 1 p.m., Rm. 314, BSC
Crossroads: 3 p.m., in Communications office
BSU: 5:30 p.m., at Baptist Student Union
Formal Dinner: 6 p.m., Connor Ballroom. Reservations required
Kappa Alpha: 6 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC
Phon-A-Thon: Last day of calling—2-4:30, 6-9:30 p.m., Alumni House
CAB Dance: 8 p.m.-midnight, Lions' Den. Formal

SUNDAY

Feb. 17

Certs/Trident Spikefest Coed Volleyball: 1 p.m., Young Gymnasium
Amnesty International Concert: 2 p.m., Lions' Den of BSC
College Players: 5:30 p.m., Green Room of Taylor Auditorium
Lambda Beta Phi: 6 p.m., Rm. 306, BSC
Wesley Foundation: 7 p.m., Food, fun, and fellowship, at Newman Road United Methodist Church
Fellowship Of Christian Athletes: 8:30 p.m., Basement of Apt. B

MONDAY

Feb. 18

LDSSA: 8 a.m., Rm. 314, BSC
ECM: Noon, Rm. 311, BSC
Faculty Senate: 3 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC
Baseball: 3 p.m., at University of Oklahoma
Greek Council: 4 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC
Sigma Nu: 5 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC
Lion Basketball: 7:30 p.m., vs. Drury, Young Gymnasium

TUESDAY

Feb. 19

BSU: 11 a.m., Rm. 311, BSC
LDSSA: Noon, Rm. 314, BSC
Newman Club: Noon, Rm. 311, BSC
Workshop: Becoming Marketable in the New Economy, 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC
Lambda Beta Phi Rush: 1 p.m., Rm. 314 BSC
International Club: 3 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC
Koinonia: 7 p.m., College Heights Christian Church

WEDNESDAY

Feb. 20

Senior Assessment Day: All classes dismissed
LDSSA: 8 a.m., Rm. 314, BSC
Bag A Career Interviews: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., U.S. Peace Corps, Rm. 306, BSC
BSU: Noon, Rm. 311, BSC
CAB: 3 p.m., Rm. 310, BSC
MSSC Cycling Club: 2 p.m., Rm. TBA, BSC
Student Senate: 5:30 p.m., Rm. 310, BSC
Wesley Foundation: 8:30 p.m., at Newman Road United Methodist Church

Several activities planned for today

CAB, RHA to host Valentine's Day formal dinner and dance

The Missouri Southern community will have the opportunity to celebrate Valentine's Day with a dinner and dance co-sponsored by the Campus Activities Board and Residence Hall Association.

The dinner, scheduled from 6-7 p.m. today in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center, will be followed by a dance from 8 p.m. to midnight in the Lions' Den.

More than 135 students, faculty, and staff have made their reservations for the \$5 dinner.

According to Doug Carnahan,

director of student life, this is the first time in several years the College has held such an event.

"We did do this five or six years ago, and it was really successful," he said.

According to Carnahan, the meal will be restaurant-style, with Southern's baseball Lions acting as waiters and Head Coach Warren Turner serving as the evening's host.

"People can order a real sit-down meal and enjoy a nice formal or semi-formal evening," Carnahan said. "It is a good opportunity for students, faculty, and administrators

to have a social event together."

Dan Fowler, head resident for Webster Hall, said the dinner and dance are "an inexpensive date on an expensive night."

The residence hall assistants are sponsoring a limousine service between the BSC and the residence halls, free of charge, for all Southern students.

Although reservations were required for the dinner, the dance is open to all students, their dates, faculty, and staff of the College at no charge.

Cheerleaders vie for UCA positions

BY KAYLEA HUTSON
CAMPUS EDITOR

There may be three cheerleaders in store for Missouri Southern cheerleaders this spring.

In January, two members of the cheerleading squad, Traci Good, freshman, and Susan Merrill, junior, were chosen to try out for leadership positions, available at this summer's Universal Cheerleading Association camps. The two traveled to Memphis for tryouts.

"We got to pick out of 12 different places where we wanted to try out," Merrill said. "They (UCA) started tryouts Jan. 14, and [the tryouts] go all the way to the end of February. That's why we won't find out until March 1 if we've been accepted."

If chosen to become UCA leaders they will travel across the country working at UCA summer camps.

"We will be instructors at the camps for high school cheerleading squads," she said. "teaching them different stunts and cheers, so that they can take them back to their schools."

Merrill said each week during the summer they could be instructors in a different city or state, depending on where UCA needs leaders.

The women were asked to try out this summer, after attending a camp for college squads.

"At the camp in Texas, they watch people to see who they think they might want to give applications to," Merrill said. "The last day of camp they pulled Traci and I aside and gave us applications, because they wanted us to try out for UCA."

After filling out the applications, the cheerleaders also had to send in photos and references.

During the five-hour tryout, they attended interviews and demonstrated various techniques, such as cheers, partner jumps, and tumbling.

"We had to learn a cheer, right there," Good said. "We had just one day to learn this cheer and about 45 minutes to learn a really hard dance."

After learning the cheer and dance, the cheerleaders broke into small groups. Each group then performed the cheer, dance, and other stunts separately.

Merrill said she liked the way the events were broken down into sections, because it removed the stress from trying out.

"They made us feel so comfortable, it was almost like having cheerleading practice," Good said. "They made us feel like part of them."

Even though the participants were asked to try out, a position with UCA is not guaranteed.

"They had around 800 [cheerleaders] try out, but only around 150 are going to make it," Good said.

According to Heidi Oakes, cheerleading sponsor at Southern, "just being asked to apply" is an honor.

Said Good, "It was a lot of fun and a lot of stress. It was a really great experience, whether I made it or not is not as important as the experience that I had. It was just something I will never forget."

Merrill said the information she received from being a UCA camp leader also would benefit Southern's cheerleading squad.

"It [the experience] will bring more ideas and better ways to enable us to help each other," she said.

An



is coming your way soon.

Despite ailments and odds, Argentinian plays on

De Bottazzi to play benefit concert for International Piano Competition

BY JAN GARDNER
ARTS EDITOR

Before Argentinian Ana Maria Trenchi de Bottazzi's head was thrust into her automobile's steering wheel in a 1961 accident in Belgium, she secured her hands safely in her lap just before impact rather than using them to brace herself against the dash.

But her efforts to save her fingers seemed fruitless after numerous doctors told her later that, due to massive brain damage, she would never play again.

The pianist was told she had meningitis and the fluid that held her brain in place was leaking from her

skull. But before surgeons could repair her fractured forehead, her meningitis would have to be cured, which could take two weeks.

During that time, her right eye went blind and paralysis crept down her right side.

Finally, she was able to undergo the surgery, which took nearly four hours. When de Bottazzi recovered, doctors told her although she would be able to drive, walk, and use her fingers on the keyboard, she would have difficulty remembering her phone number, much less an entire concert's worth of music played from memory.

Despite all the doctors' prognoses, de Bottazzi was determined to play again.

"I don't believe in the words 'I can't'—not just for me, but for anyone," de Bottazzi said. "Almost everything I did was on my own. More than anything, it was willpower."

"If you tell me, 'No, I don't think you can do it,' then I will prove you wrong, even if it takes me 50 years."

She believes the opinions of those who said she would never play again actually made her more eager to regain her lost expertise.

"All the doctors, first in Belgium, then in Paris and Argentina, and finally in New York, they all told me, 'No, you cannot play anymore,' so that was really a good thing for me. I was going to prove them wrong."

And prove them wrong, she did. For the next 13 years, de Bottazzi practiced daily, but progress was slow and not always easy to see.

"Maybe after several weeks, I would be able to finally play these five notes in a row, then get up the next day and not be able to play two. It takes a lot of willpower and a lot of faith in God."

"Sometimes we say it would be so nice to know the future," she said, "but if I had known it would take 13 years, I probably would have done nothing."

De Bottazzi sometimes wondered if all the work really was worth it,

and several times during her recovery decided it wasn't.

"By the time I was six, my father was a millionaire," she said. "I had a lot of money, I was young, and I was traveling all around the world."

"Three or four times, especially in the first five years, I decided I didn't really need this. God had told me to stop—don't play the piano any more," she said. "I would go like a week, and I could not. I had to go back and start again, and I'm so happy I did. Just to produce the music from the keyboard—it fills my soul. My soul needs that the way my body needs food to stay alive."

De Bottazzi has written a book, *To Live Again*, which has been translated into four languages and sold all over the world.

"When I wrote my book," de Bottazzi said, "I called it *To Live Again* because only when I was able to play the piano again did I feel I was fully living again."

One of the things that gives de Bottazzi the most satisfaction is talking to people and encouraging them to make the most of their lives.

"I meet so many people, because of my story, mostly," she said. "So many of them come to me and say, 'I wish I have done this, and I wish I have done that,' and I say, 'Why don't you start now? As soon as you get home, start doing it.'"

"One of my main goals in life is to say I dealt with my life the best I could," de Bottazzi said. "I don't want to die saying to myself, 'Oh, my gosh! I could have tried this—I could have done that, and I didn't. Well, so far, I have tried everything I wanted.'"

She believes her story can make people believe that they, too, can overcome obstacles.

"People can look at me and say, 'Well, this woman, 30 years ago, was a mess. She couldn't pick up a plate, she couldn't pick up a glass of water. And now, she's playing all around the world. So, if she can do that, I could certainly do whatever I want to do.'"

De Bottazzi is excited about her upcoming trip to Missouri, which she says is "the state she loves the most in this country." Three days

after her marriage to Bruno Bottazzi, a pianist and conductor, she moved to St. Louis.

"I adore St. Louis, and I adore Missouri," she said. "The only place where I feel I'm going home is every time I land in St. Louis. I am so happy to get there. To me, coming home means coming to Missouri."

In her concert to benefit the 1992 Missouri Southern International Piano Competition, de Bottazzi will be performing in Taylor Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21.

Tickets are \$25 for patron seating, located front and center in Taylor; \$8 for general admission; and \$5 for students. Tickets may be purchased from the ticket office in the Billingsly Student Center, or at Ernie Williamson's Music House, 611 Main, Joplin.

According to Ken McAninch, assistant coordinator of student activities, ticket sales are going well.

"I've been getting more orders every day," he said.

For more ticket information, persons may call 625-9318 for patron seating and 625-9366 for general admission.

A BEAUTIFUL, BUT MESSY, SITUATION



Laurie Evans, senior art major, lifts prints in a project Tuesday for her Beginning Printmaking class.

CHRIS COX/The Chart

Directors depend on audiences

Play readings, free of charge, begin tomorrow at Taylor

BY LISA WERST
STAFF WRITER

Audiences at Taylor Auditorium will be able to offer insight into the construction of future stage productions.

The playwriting program began last year through the encouragement of the theatre department and playwriting instructor Gary Blackwood, an established playwright and author.

"When I started out I didn't have anyone to help me, because nobody knew what they were doing," Blackwood said.

The play reading will take place at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow and Saturday in Taylor. The readings are free to the public.

Blackwood has been advising Missouri Southern's playwrights by giving them advice with their revisions and offering them insight from his own experiences.

Student playwrights Todd Webber, senior theatre major; and Georgina Small, junior theatre major, are anticipating positive reactions from the readings.

"I am looking forward to input from the people," Webber said. "I rely on people to help with the constructing of the basic format of the

shows."

Small added, "The play readings will help the playwrights to create a script that will eventually be on the stage."

There will be two scripts readings tomorrow. The plays being submitted are *The Children's Story*, by Webber; and *L.D.*, written by Small.

On Saturday, another reading will be offered. Titled *What They Don't Know*, it also was written by Webber.

the problems of four high school students who are thrown into a learning-disabled program when in fact only one in the group really has a problem.

Inspiration from the play came to Small when she became aware of what she believed to be problems in the education system.

"I've seen many people have their education pulled out from under them, because of a student-teacher

"I am looking forward to input from the people. I rely on people to help with the constructing of the basic format of the shows."

—Todd Webber, senior theatre major

Tomorrow's performance of *The Children's Story* is a "thriller," Webber said.

"It deals with denial and hiding from your past. A writer is forced to relive the bad things from his past."

James Carter, senior theatre major and director of *The Children's Story*, finds the play to be a "dark, mysterious, intriguing script."

Small's play, *L.D.*, centers around

relationship," she said.

Small said the play has not only enhanced her writing, but also given fellow actors a learning experience.

"The actors are learning a lot about their characters, and they are enjoying the chance to read new plays," Small said.

One actor, Van Fredrickson, freshman theatre major, finds his involvement in the readings "different."

Soldiers' paintings on display

BY STACIE SISK
STAFF WRITER

Beginning Sunday, the Spiva Art Center will present an 85-painting exhibition featuring two contemporary painters, William Aiken Walker and Edward Lamson Henry, both Civil War soldiers.

"I think the significance is its historic character," said Val Christensen, Spiva director. "It reflects a time that is now far removed, but there is still a great deal of interest in the period."

"That is evidenced in today's popular media. This will provide an opportunity to glimpse that past."

Walker and Henry are known for their depictions of the social and economic condition of the Reconstruction Period, and Christensen points out numerous comparisons and contrasts between the two.

While both were born in Charleston, S.C., Walker served in the Confederate army and Henry fought for the Union. Both artists painted scenes of rural life, but Walker focused on the South, and Henry chose New York as his artistic inspiration.

"Most [of the paintings] were oil on canvas or oil on board," Christensen said, "but there are a few water colors. There are some examples of still lifes, of plants, of ducks and teals ('Pair of Hanging Teals'), acorns, and oak leaves."

Most are, however, outdoor scenes such as "Cotton Wagon" and "New Orleans Dock Scene."

The collection belongs to the Gulf States Paper Corporation in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Its president, Jack Warner, is among the top 200 art collectors in the world.

"He is interested in mostly 19th century American art," Christensen said.

Spiva Art Center will fund half of the exhibit, with this cost matched by the Missouri Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

"Costs will include publication of brochures, insurance, and many other details," Christensen said.

He expects a great deal of student interest in comparing the works.

"There is a sensibility there that reflects a homogeneous culture that has changed, if not disappeared, and a lot of the attitudes that pervade this work has changed as well," said Christensen.

"With historical works of art, we are looking at it with a distant perspective."

A reception hosted by Mercantile Bank will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Spiva gallery.

Spiva hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays from 2-5 p.m. The exhibit will be on display until March 17.

Coming Attractions

MUSIC

Joplin

Ana Maria Trenchi de Bottazzi: World renowned concert pianist; 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 21; Taylor Auditorium; Patron tickets-\$25, General admission-\$8, Students-\$5; 625-9318 or 625-9366

Springfield

Springfield Symphony: A celebration of Valentine's Day; Saturday; Evangel College Auditorium; 864-6683
"Jazz Week": Feb. 19-22; SMSU Music Department; Admission \$6; 836-5648

Tulsa

Mylon LeFevre: In concert; Tomorrow; Mabee Center, Oral Roberts University; 918-495-6000
"Tziganka": Russian Gypsy Dance Company; Monday; Chapman Music Hall, Tulsa Performing Arts Center; 918-596-7111

Kansas City

Simpson House Chamber Singers: 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday; 276-2700
The Mozarteum Orchestra of Salzburg: 8 p.m. Tuesday; Folly Theater; 781-8250
Kansas City Symphony: Haydn's "Creation"; 8 p.m., 2 p.m. Sunday; Tomorrow thru Sunday; Scottish Rite Temple; 471-0400

St. Louis

"Pop Goes Dixieland Brass": Al Hirt and His Band; Tomorrow and Sunday; Powell Hall; 534-1700
Dixieland Jazz Concert: Sponsored by Jazz Club; Sunday; Henry VIII; 383-2633

ART

Joplin

"Paintings of William Walker and Edward Henry: From the Collection of Gulf States Paper"; Sunday thru March 17; Spiva Art Center; 623-0183

Springfield

"Holly Hughes: Soft Sculpture": Thru Feb. 28; Springfield Art Museum; 866-2716
"Corbett Landscapes": Thru Feb. 24; Springfield Art Museum; 866-2716

Tulsa

"Ruckus Rodeo Exhibition": Thru March 10; Philbrook Museum of Art; 918-749-7941
"The Empire That Was Russia": A photographic record; Thru Feb. 24; The Philbrook Museum of Art; 748-5314
Sculpture Exhibit: "Adam," "Eternal Springtime," and "The Three Shades"; Thru Feb. 28; Philbrook Museum of Art; 748-5314

Kansas City

Ceramics Show: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tomorrow thru Sunday; Kansas City Market Center; 241-6200

St. Louis

Mid-Winter Pow Wow: Features Indian Crafts, dancing, and entertainment; Saturday; Jefferson Barracks; 544-5714
"Porkopolis": Gallery 210, 210 Lucas Hall; Thru Saturday; 553-5952
"Horizons": Towata Fine Arts Gallery; thru Sunday; 618-465-6012

THEATRE

Joplin

Staged Play Readings: 7:30 p.m. Tomorrow and Saturday; Taylor Auditorium; 625-9393

Springfield

"Pirates of Penzance": Presented by the SMSU Theatre and Dance Department; Feb. 20-23; Coger Theatre; 836-5268

Tulsa

"Driving Miss Daisy": Thru Sunday; Williams Theatre; Contact American Theatre Company, 918-747-9494
"Duck Hunting": Tomorrow and Feb. 21-23; Chapman Theatre, U. of Tulsa; 918-631-2567

Kansas City

"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof": 8 p.m. Tuesday thru Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday; Thru Feb. 28; American Heartland Theatre, Crown Center level 3; 842-9999

"The Lillies of the Field": 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m.; Today thru Sunday, and Feb. 22-24; KCKCC; 334-1100

"Fences": 8 p.m. Tuesday thru Saturday, Saturday matinees, 2 and 7 p.m. Sundays; Thru Feb. 28; Missouri Repertory Theatre; 235-2700

St. Louis

"Henry IV Part I": Thru Feb. 28; Repertory Theatre of St. Louis; 968-4925

"Exit The King": Classic absurd tragedy; Thru Feb. 28; New City School Theatre; 531-1301

Voters face two issues in April

City charter, sewer fee on ballot

BY JOHN FORD
STAFF WRITER

When Joplin voters go to the polls April 2, they will have two issues to mull over.

The issue garnering the most attention is the wastewater treatment fee issue, commonly known as the sewer tax. Another question posed to voters involves amending the Joplin city charter.

According to Leonard Martin, Joplin city manager, the amendment would redefine a city employee's pay period and comes as a result of action taken by the U.S. Supreme Court in the mid-1980s.

"The Supreme Court ruled that a 1974 law passed by Congress, the Fair Labor Standards Act, did apply to cities, reversing a previous ruling," he said.

Martin said the law provided cities with the flexibility to determine the number of days in a pay period, ranging from one to 28 days. The Joplin fire department would be the only city department affected by the charter amendment.

"In the fire department, city employees work 24 hours on a shift and 48 hours off," Martin said. "When the Fair Labor Standards Act is applied to cities, employees began to be eligible to receive time and a half for a portion of their normal hours."

"In the fire department's case, firefighters are supposed to be paid time and a half for any time they work over 53 hours in a pay period."

"It creates an inequity. The employees are not working extra [hours], but were being paid as if they are. No other city employees, and no employees in the private sector, are

being paid like that. It was a fluke in the law."

The proposed amendment calls for a change in the length of the department's pay period. According to Martin, this change may not eliminate all of the overtime compensation, but would take care of the majority, "thus saving the residents money."

A proposal which, if passed, will cost residents money is the wastewater treatment fee. Martin said if the measure passed, a monthly fee of \$7 per household will be imposed on residential customers, while small businesses will pay \$9.25 each month. Larger businesses and industries, those displacing more than 5,000 gallons of wastewater a month, would be imposed a fee based on the amount of wastewater produced.

Martin compared the measure to the sanitation fee rejected by voters in November 1989. In that proposal, the fee was based on the amount of waste each household produces.

According to Martin, the wastewater fee will enable the city to fund the procedure. Currently, the city's general fund provides for the wastewater treatment.

Martin said the Council had considered putting other questions on the April 2 ballot. These included increasing fees at municipal recreation facilities, such as the golf course and public swimming pools, or turning those services over to the private sector.

Martin said the Council decided against adding these questions in order to allow voters the opportunity to give the most pressing matters top consideration. He did say, however, that he anticipates these being addressed at a later date.

Joplin seeks new manager for airport

Fisher is 'hard to replace,' Martin says

BY KATY HURN
STAFF WRITER

Finding a replacement for Craig Fisher, who left last Friday as manager of the Joplin Regional Airport, will be difficult, say city officials.

Craig Fisher, airport manager since 1987, resigned to take a sales position with Cardinal Scale Manufacturing in Webb City.

Leonard Martin, Joplin city man-

where he graduated in 1967 with a degree in business administration.

Fisher served as operations manager for a furniture plant in Pryor, Okla., before returning to Joplin to work at Eagle Picher. He later worked as an administrative assistant to McCoy, in the public works department. In 1987, he accepted the position as airport manager.

Fisher said the manager's position is very detailed, requiring dedication and discipline to follow strict re-

"We're not very confident we will find a replacement quickly. Craig is a unique individual. It will be difficult to find someone with talent similar to him."

—Harold McCoy, Joplin director of public works

ager, was sorry to see him leave.

"He did an outstanding job," Martin said. "He is a person with a high energy level. He will be hard to replace."

Martin and Harold McCoy, director of public works, are reviewing applications for the position.

"We're not very confident that we will find a replacement quickly," McCoy said. "Craig is a unique individual. It will be difficult to find someone with talent similar to him."

A former Joplin Junior College student, Fisher served as president of the sophomore class in 1964. He later attended the University of Arkansas.

Council prepares for public's questions

BY T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Should Joplin voters question City Council members about the proposed wastewater treatment fee, chances are they will have an answer.

At the close of the Feb. 4 meeting, Council members were given a document containing questions and answers to aid them in answering constituents' questions.

"Now that we've sent this to a vote, a lot of you will be asked questions," Leonard Martin, Joplin city manager, told the Council. "We've prepared a list [of questions and answers] to help you respond to these."

The proposed monthly fee would be \$7 for households and \$9.25 for small businesses. Larger businesses

and industries would pay based on usage. The \$7 figure is a reduction from the \$10.40 previously recommended by the Joplin Citizen's Finance Study Committee and is designed to meet the city's immediate wastewater treatment needs.

"This [\$7 fee] is not a long-term solution," Martin said.

As for the long term, the document says "Future plans call for the increase in user fees of other city operations along with privatization of some other city services."

According to the list, the immediate elimination of services such as the parks, pool, and golf course is not an option.

"Not everyone uses all of the services that are provided, but everyone uses some of the services," it states. "People are always willing to sacrifice the services that are not impor-

tant to their needs. We must try to find a balance in order to serve all the residents as best we can."

In recent public hearings, the major question asked of the Council concerns the fairness of a flat monthly fee rather than a rate based on water usage. According to the answers in the Council's list, the monthly fee is fair.

"In the \$7 proposed charge, \$5.34 is the fixed cost of having and maintaining the sewer system and treatment plants," the document says. "The charge of treatment is 29.8 cents per 1,000 gallons. A single senior citizen will use approximately 2,500 gallons of water per month while a family of five will use about 8,500 gallons."

According to the report, this means that a family pays nearly \$7 cents per month more than the proposed

fee and the single person would pay 92 cents less than the fee.

Because the city does not own and operate the water company, this calculation, for billing purposes, would cost more than the individual savings or overage.

The document likewise seeks to explain events leading to the present situation.

"In 1983, the city made a tax trade-off," it says. "We traded \$1.7 million of flexible General Fund revenue for \$1.6 million in dedicated one-half cent Transportation Sales Tax. Among other things, this removed 74 cents from the General Fund property tax levy."

"In 1984, the city dedicated the Utility Franchise Tax instead of implementing a sewer service charge like most other cities, in order to qualify for \$36 million worth of

federal and state grants for sewer treatment improvements. In 1986 we (Joplin) lost \$1 million worth of federal revenue sharing."

According to the answers on the list, the proposed wastewater fee would free funds from the Utility Franchise Tax to support the city's strained general fund.

"The city is allowed to spend any Utility Franchise Tax that is left over after the sewer services have been funded," it says. "The proposed sewer service charge will finance about 58 percent of the sewer services. Utility Franchise Tax will be used to make up the remaining 42 percent. All Utility Franchise Tax left can be placed in the general fund to support police and fire and other general fund activities."

The wastewater treatment fee will appear on the April 2 ballot.

Thrift stores fight for business

BY T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

With the economy in a period of recession, Joplin's relatively large number of thrift stores and second-hand clothing shops seem to be feeling the pinch as well.

"When we first opened, we were the first one around here," said Peggy Morrow, owner of Second Acte, 2122 Main, a vintage clothing store. "Back then, business used to roll in. Now, it is much tougher."

Morrow is optimistic, however, and intends to continue with her shop for the enjoyment and convenience as well as the money.

"We don't make what we did years ago," she said, "but I think there is still a market out there for us. Besides, I do want to be out and mix with the public, and I enjoy the freedom to hire someone to replace me should I not want to work."

Second Acte, like most other for-profit shops of its kind in the area, takes clothes on consignment. The standard consignment agreement for stores is a 50-50 split between the store and the person offering the items for sale.

"We take everything on a 90-day consignment agreement," says Judy Smith of Second Hand Rose, 513 Main, another vintage clothing store. "The person placing the clothes in the store receives 50 percent."

"After 30 days we reduce the price by one-fourth, after 60 days by one-half, and after 90 days by 75 percent. It helps to keep the inventory moving."

Prices vary from shop to shop, but Morrow lets those providing the merchandise select the price.



CHRIS COX/The Chart

Janessa Conrow, freshman undecided, examines the dresses at Twice is Nice.

"When they call I tell them to come in and look at the prices of comparable items," she said.

Though many used-clothing shops intend to make a profit, some are run by service organizations to aid the needy. The Lion's Thrift Store, 1701 Main, uses its profits to aid the needy.

"The store is run by the Joplin Lion's Club and the proceeds go toward helping their programs for the blind and the needy," said Bessie Welch, manager of Lion's Thrift. "The needy fill out applications and we help them out."

Unlike those run by entrepreneurs, the Lion's Thrift and other non-profit shops do not offer consignment arrangements in exchange for clothing.

"We live off donations," Welch said. "We run ads in the newspaper, people bring leftover items from rummage sales, and we have a pick-up service."

The type of clothing accepted for sale also varies according to the type of shop involved. While vintage clothing stores accept only certain pieces from certain eras, and second-hand stores run by individuals accept only items from the past several years, those operated as non-profit businesses usually will accept any donations.

"We will accept items by appointment only," Judy Smith said. "Everything has to be freshly laundered or dry cleaned, and we try to make sure it is still in style."

One break the charitable or-

ganizations can give that others cannot is a break from Uncle Sam.

"We will give people a tax receipt for their donations," said Welch.

While charitable organizations do not make a profit, this does not prevent the profit-makers from being charitable.

According to Smith, most people with items on consignment do not want to have them back if they fail to sell. This gives stores like Second Hand Rose a chance to help out the community.

"Those not sold after the 90 days are donated to Crosslines," she said. "This is a service run by several churches to give to the needy."

Thrift store shopping a hobby for many

BY T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

For some, the pilgrimage to second-hand clothing stores has become somewhat of a hobby.

According to local proprietors

of thrift and vintage clothing stores, many of the regulars are anything but local.

"People from out of town come to Joplin and hit the stores," said Peggy Morrow, owner of Second Acte, 2122 Main. "We see people from all over the four states, and

often more than once. That is quite common in this type of business."

Judy Smith, an employee of Second Hand Rose, agrees.

"There are so many [stores] around here that someone could make a day out of it," she said.



CHRIS COX/The Chart

Shane Clark, freshman undecided checks out books at Lion's Club Thrift Store.

While the concentration of used clothing stores may seem to reduce business for everyone, Morrow and Smith say this is not necessarily the case.

"I think it helps people to have a good number [of shops]," Smith said. "Shoppers don't always find something the first place they look. We will get some of their [customers], and they will get some of ours."

According to Morrow, she often refers customers looking for items she does not have or carry to other businesses.

"If someone is looking for vintage clothing, for instance, I will ask them if they have tried The Long Goodbye or some of the others who carry those items," she said.

According to area shops, the fastest-moving items are women's and children's clothing.

"We see a lot of people who like to find the bargains," Smith said. "Working women can get suits and children's clothing at a fraction of what it would normally cost."

Besides price, other factors may influence the public's decision to frequent thrift stores.

"It is more comfortable for people to buy used clothing from a store," Morrow said. "With a garage sale they may know the person and feel uncomfortable. In a store, they can maintain their anonymity and also try the items on."

Wilson outlines political hopes

Senator seeks Lt. Governor post

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

It's an education governor the state needs, and it's an education governor the state will get, if Sen. Roger Wilson has his way.

Wilson (D-Columbia) told *The Chart* Tuesday of his plans to run for the office of lieutenant governor in 1992. From there, he said, the highest office in the state is a possibility.

"Everyone elected dog catcher assumes they're going to run for president someday," Wilson said. "We'll just have to see how things go."

Wilson said that while he has received legislative experience through 12 years as a senator, he hopes to gain statewide experience via the lieutenant governorship.

"What I need now is to get to know the state better from the boot-heel to the Pony Express, from Table Rock to [the] Mark Twain [National Forest]," he said.

Wilson believes the office, now held by Democrat Mel Carnahan, will "fill the void" in what he believes it will take to run for governor.

Although Wilson said he enjoys his position as chairman of the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee, he will give that up for the chance to speak from "a different kind of forum."

"There is a trade here," he said. "I

have a very good position in the Senate, which conceivably I could keep, but there is a difference between the size of the microphone I have now and the ability to speak as a statewide office holder."

He said, however, he feels no pressure to run for lieutenant governor and will run only if enough money can be raised by the filing deadline. He said he is working now to raise the \$300,000 necessary.

"I wasn't born to run for office," he said, "and I'll never get to that point where it's an insatiable desire."

If Wilson is eventually elected governor, he said one of his main priorities will be education, an area where he believes Gov. John Ashcroft has been remiss.

"I've gotten quite angry over the last 10 years hearing the governor talk about education and not doing anything about it," Wilson said. "In fact, we've been backsliding and we need to arrest that."

According to Wilson, Ashcroft has a standing invitation from legislators to join in the efforts to reform and aid education. He said it would be "odd" if the governor did not eventually lend his support.

"He's a Missourian," Wilson said, "and he wants what's best for this state. I firmly believe that."

"My plan has to be a plan of action, and I have trouble discerning what his plan is," he said.

TAKING A BOW



St. Louis Symphony Orchestra conductor Leonard Slatkin receives applause after a 35-minute performance in the Capitol rotunda Tuesday. The Orchestra was scheduled for a 16-city European tour but was forced to cancel due to the threat of terrorism. A concert is planned at Missouri Southern for May 3.

STEPHEN MOORE/The Chart

Colleges face tough times

McClain pushes for bill passage

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Friday's meeting of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education was "introspective," according to Dr. Charles McClain, higher education commissioner.

"The focus was trying to sort out where we've been in terms of coordination, where we are, and where we might go," McClain said.

He said there also was discussion concerning the role of the CBHE, an issue since the Business and Education Partnership Commission began its study last year.

While some legislators are working on bills which would add power to the board, McClain said he does not see the possibility of substantial strength added.

"I think that the idea that the Coordinating Board will ever be a 'super board' is a red herring," he said. "I don't think it will ever hap-

pen in Missouri."

McClain said he would not like to see the CBHE become the "police-man of higher education," however, he would welcome a clarification of its powers. He said this is one of his goals while he holds office.

"If I could do one thing while I'm here, it would be to redefine this position and the position of this staff," he said.

Another consideration which McClain said will be of primary concern in the coming year is that of teacher quality.

"As I travel throughout the state, it is clear to me that there is a great public interest in the quality of the teaching core," he said.

Also considered at the meeting were Gov. John Ashcroft's higher education funding recommendations for fiscal year 1992. McClain said the only hope for higher education in Missouri is the legislature.

"We have to talk about the possibility of getting something out of the legislature and getting that to a vote of the people," McClain said. "There's no money on the table now, and it's

going to be a long dry spell as long as that's concerned."

Senate President Pro Tem James Mathewson (D-Sedalia) recently introduced a funding and reform package which would aid higher education. Although McClain has been quoted as calling parts of the package "ambiguous," he said he is generally supportive of the measure.

"I'm keen on the potential," he said. "It's a big, important piece of legislation, and that's why it ought to be done right, and that's why you have the process to get things done right."

McClain said if additional funding were not approved this year, it likely will not happen until 1993 because of election years in 1992 and 1994. Because of this, he said, securing additional funding this session is the most important task.

"To me, that is our priority," he said, "because if we don't get additional resources, we might as well go fishing for a while."

"The reality is Missouri is about average," he said. "I don't think that's acceptable."

Bill would empower CBHE

Work is underway in the Missouri House to add teeth to the "toothless tiger" some legislators say the Coordinating Board for Higher Education has become.

Preliminary work has begun on a bill to be sponsored by representatives Ken Jacob (D-Columbia) and Neil Molloy (D-Pasadena Park). The measure would set up a system enabling the CBHE, the legislature,

and college presidents to make policy decisions.

"I'm creating a process by which these three groups could work together and produce a final product," Jacob said.

Although the bill has not yet been written, Jacob said it would empower a group he calls a "non-entity."

"Right now they don't have any power, and this would give them some," he said.

Jacob said that while he has already worked out in his mind what the bill would contain, completion of the measure is tied to the Senate.

If the Senate appears to be making progress toward educational reforms, Jacob said work on the bill may be withdrawn.

"We're in no hurry," he said. "We're trying to do the right thing."

Molloy said he expects the bill to be ready today or tomorrow.

SHOWING SUPPORT



STEPHEN MOORE/The Chart

Sen. Roger Wilson (D-Columbia) speaks at a pro-choice rally on the inside steps of the State Capitol Tuesday. Wilson plans to run for lieutenant governor in 1992 in order to gain statewide experience which will prepare him for a future gubernatorial race.

Dropout drivers may lose licenses

Proposed legislation seeks to increase retention across state

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Driving privileges may be sacred to many teenagers, but a new House measure seeks to use those privileges as an instrument to reduce high school drop-out rates.

Sponsored by Rep. Dale Whiteside (R-Chillicothe) and Rep. Pat Kelly (R-Lee's Summit), the bill mandates that students maintain regular attendance and be making "satisfactory" progress toward graduation if they are to receive or retain a driver's license.

According to Kelly, the bill is designed as an incentive for students to complete their education. Although opponents of the bill have called it punitive and point out that it may keep some students in school who have no desire to be there, Kelly said it was not intended for that purpose.

"Driving is a privilege," he said, "and we want to set up the expectation that you have to be in school to get a license."

Kelly said the primary goal of the bill is to stem the drop-out rate. The state currently has an average drop-out rate of 25 percent. According to Kelly, this is more than Missouri can bear.

"I don't think we can afford to

have a quarter of our people not have a high school diploma and compete in the world marketplace," he said.

The bill is awaiting a hearing in the Senate rules committee, and Whiteside said he is unsure of the measure's chances.

"There are a lot of people in the Chamber who believe a driver's license is too sacred to play with," Whiteside said, "and like any reform, it takes five or six years to get something sold. This is its third year, so I'm not overly optimistic."

Whiteside said he has seen student and parent surveys which indicate that 65 percent of adults tend to support the bill, while less than half of the students favor it.

"Those who are good students don't care, and those who tend to be a little on the lazy side tend to be concerned," he said.

In addition, Whiteside said he has been in contact with several states who have already implemented a similar statute. He said in West Virginia, where the plan has been in effect for more than two years, attendance is up and parents are becoming more involved in the educational process.

Whiteside said this is what he hopes his bill will accomplish.

"I guess I'm ready to play hard

ball with these kids," he said, "because there's a point where kids need to get serious about their education, and this is one thing that will help them do it."

The measure contains provisions whereby a student who is forced to drop out because of economic or other problems may escape suspension of a license. Other provisions protect the learning disabled.

Whiteside said the intent of the bill is not to pressure students, but to encourage them to graduate.

"We don't want to give kids ulcers or cause them to commit suicide," he said, "but we want them to think about it (staying in school)."

Whiteside said many education and business groups plan to testify on behalf of the measure at the committee hearing.

If passed, the bill will be binding on both public and private schools across the state, but there is no penalty provision for those schools which refuse to participate.

This year, Whiteside said, support for the measure is greater than in previous sessions.

"I'm going to work hard to get it to the chamber and get a vote," he said. "But beyond that, I'm not going to make a prediction."

Treppler tries to raise toilet quota at arenas

Measure mandates 2 to 1 ratio

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Long lines to the bathroom at halftime may be a thing of the past if a pending Senate bill gains passage.

Sen. Irene Treppler (R-Matthew) is the sponsor of a bill which, if passed, would require all planned sports arenas, auditoriums, and assembly halls to contain twice the number of women's restrooms as men's.

The bill is designed to remedy a situation caused by the longer times women must spend in the restroom. Contrary to popular belief, Treppler said, that extra time is not spent applying makeup or diapering babies. She said the difference lies mainly in clothing variations and physiological design.

"A woman always has to squat," she said, "and a man can just stand up and do his thing."

Treppler said although some laugh upon reading the bill, most agree it is a good idea. She said

in speaking to legislators and the public she has had "a very good response."

The bill mandates that all existing arenas and halls be outfitted with the additional women's facilities by the year 2000. Treppler said the upgrade need not be expensive because the additions can be made by converting men's restrooms to women's.

A 1990 case in Texas involving a woman who was arrested when she was forced to use the men's room and an article in an *Ann Landers* advice column prompted Treppler to file the bill.

The measure is scheduled for a hearing today in the Senate Urban Affairs committee, and Treppler said even if it does not make it to the Senate floor, at least it will raise awareness.

"Even if the bill is not passed, we are making people aware that there actually is a problem and something should be done," she said.

If passed, the bill will go into effect Aug. 28, Treppler said.

Higher Education Briefs

Tarkio may close

► Tarkio College in north-west Missouri will close in May unless it raises \$3 million by the end of March.

Tarkio needs \$1 million in cash for the operational budget and to pay faculty members. The other \$2 million in pledges is to provide a sound financial base for next year.

"We can't continue to struggle forever," said Kent Kraus, dean of institutional advancement, who added that certain other conditions must be met as well.

Tarkio, with an enrollment of 385, wants the U.S. Education Department to renegotiate the school's \$9.9 million debt and suspend payment for at least three years.

Northeast drive reaches \$82,000

► Gallers at Northeast Missouri State University had raised more than \$82,000 in pledges through Feb. 11 as Tel-Alumni nears its end.

The annual fund-raising campaign, with a goal of \$115,000, began Jan. 20 and lasts until Feb. 21. Volunteers call from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.

The donated money goes into the Northeast development fund, which has a current balance of \$3.1 million.

Evangel team to go to China

► Football players at Evangel College in Springfield are trying to raise \$1,200 apiece for a June trip to China.

The Crusaders will play Pacific Lutheran there on June 1, 7, and 12. The Chinese government is partially underwriting the trip, leaving the 50 team members to raise about \$60,000.

The Evangel athletic director has scheduled four fund-raising events, including a March 28 bowl-a-thon.

SEMO students oust president

► The Student Government president at Southeast Missouri State University unanimously was impeached by the organization Feb. 4.

Mike Hartsook, elected in May 1990, "failed to keep any office hours since the month of November and has not fulfilled any other obligations related to his office," according to a resolution.

Vice president Scott Whiteaker replaces Hartsook.

Student regent at SMS proposes new scheduling

► Joe Passanise, student regent at Southwest Missouri State University, has proposed changes in the institution's class scheduling policies.

The proposals are designed to alleviate the strain on available classroom space during the peak scheduling period of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

One calls for classes to begin at 7:40 a.m., another would move core requirement courses to the early morning and late afternoon time slots.

A third suggestion would change 75-minute classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays to 50-minute classes on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Passanise is gathering reactions to his proposals.

UMSL prepares to go smoke-free

► The University of Missouri-St. Louis plans to be completely smoke-free by June 1.

A ban on campus cigarette sales took effect Jan. 1. No policy states what will happen to anyone caught smoking after June 1, but the vice chancellor says "if someone does it, someone will speak to them."

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Apr. 29-30	Days of Thunder

Movies are at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
in the Student Center Lounge
unless otherwise noted.



Baseball Lions to turn on the speed

BY ROD SHETLER
SPORTS EDITOR

Danny Rogers is gone. That was the remark most often heard this week during Missouri Southern baseball practices at Joe Becker Stadium.

The next most common statement was that speed might take the place of power in the Lions' lineup.

"We don't have Danny anymore," said Warren Turner, head coach. "He was a seventh-round draft choice last year. We might miss his home runs and RBIs, but I think we will have better team speed than last year."

Rogers, who led the Lions in 1990 with 10 home runs and 56 runs batted in, decided to forgo his senior

year of eligibility and enter the Major League Baseball draft at the conclusion of last season. He was signed by the Detroit Tigers in June.

In the stolen base department, the Lions will try to improve on their 1990 total of 42, compared to 61 thefts by their opponents. Senior outfielder Tom Busch led the Lions in steals last year with 14.

Southern's lineup has remained largely unchanged from last year, losing only third baseman Mike Swidler, outfielder Robert Fisher, and Rogers, a first baseman.

Several new recruits look to fill those few open gaps in the lineup this season. Some of the new players include freshman first baseman Clark Wagner from Severn, Md.; outfielder Bob Kneefe, a transfer from North

Hennepin (Minn.) Community College; and third baseman-catcher Bryan Larson from Normandale (Minn.) Community College.

"The weather here is great," said Larson, from Fairbault, Minn. "Back where I'm from we won't even get outside until April."

Strength of schedule is one of the features which attracted Larson to Southern's baseball program.

"I loved the schedule. I saw close to 50 games, and a lot of them were against some of the nation's top competition," he said.

The Lions began this season earlier than in recent memory, traveling to Stillwater, Okla., Feb. 3 to give the Cowboys competition before they were to play in a nationally televised tournament. The game was

played to help raise money for the war in the Persian Gulf.

The Lions lost 8-1, giving junior righthander Chuck Pittman his first loss of the season.

"The pitchers are coming along," said junior righthander Darren Gaffney. "At Oklahoma State, nobody could throw over two innings just because we hadn't gotten enough work in before that game."

The pitching staff is expected to improve over last year's 25-15 squad.

"Minus Mike Stebbins (7-3) and Brian Walker (0-0), we are the same staff that went to the national tournament last year," Gaffney said.

The Lions, who won the MIAA South Division with a 13-1 record last year, are expecting things to be more difficult this season.

"Central Missouri is going to be tough again," said Turner. "I have heard since Southeast Missouri is going Division I next season that they have had a good year recruiting."

"We are looking pretty strong," said junior shortstop David Fisher. "We have been putting forth the effort. We're looking stronger, earlier than in years past."

A new format for MIAA games will be used this year. There will be three nine-inning games played over a weekend: a doubleheader on Saturday and a single contest Sunday.

The Lions play a non-conference game tomorrow at the University of Arkansas beginning at 3 p.m. The team's first home set will be a March 10 doubleheader against Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.



ROD SHETLER

Beliefs are major part of baseball

Superstitions. We've all got them, even if we try to deny it. We can all admit to feeling a shudder when a black cat jumps in front of our car, or a distinct uneasiness when walking underneath a ladder.

But what if...what if you were jogging onto the field at Fenway Park in Boston getting ready to pitch your first Major League game and on your way out to the mound you stepped on the chalk line between home and first?

Forget every mirror you have cracked and every umbrella you have ever opened in the house. That's child's play. You have just broken one of the unbreakable superstitions of baseball. You might as well turn right back around, go back into the dugout, shower, and go home. Your earned run average would have looked like a zip code anyway with that kind of bad karma flying around your head.

I was going to include all the major sports in this column, but more and more I began to see that once again baseball, as it so often does, came out on top with more superstitions than you can shake a stick, or a bat, at.

Of course that's not to say that other sports don't have little superstitions and good-luck charms, but baseball has grown up around these false beliefs and they are part of its history. Besides, this is my column anyway.

There have been so many different instances of Major League Baseball players doing weird things to prolong hitting streaks or end slumps. Even books have been written on the subject. I'll just mention a few of the better-known superstitions.

A lot of these have to do with the food these athletes believe gives them that psychological edge.

The all-star third baseman for the Boston Red Sox, Wade Boggs, is well known for his superstition of eating chicken before every game. That's right, 162 games in a season, 162 plates of chicken. At least the Colonel is happy. Obviously, this ritual didn't help Boggs' love life, but he has made a habit out of winning American League batting titles, and there is nothing to suggest that his fowl food is the secret of his success.

Mickey Tettleton, formerly of the Baltimore Orioles but now playing with Detroit, had an interesting preference for breakfast foods in 1989. He started off every morning by eating a bowl of Fruit-Loops. Tettleton had a good season that year. Who says Wheaties are the breakfast of champions?

Don't make a mistake and think it's only professional athletes who carry on these strange rituals in search of a higher batting average or a lower ERA. A student of superstitions has to drive no farther than Joe Becker Stadium right here in Joplin to see them in action with Coach Warren Turner's baseball Lions.

"A lot of guys put baseball cards of their favorite players inside their hats," said pitcher Darren Gaffney.

The next logical question, of course, was what card Gaffney keeps in his cap. I was hit with a typical pitcher's response.

"Well, Ken [Grundt, pitcher] and I each have a hockey card of Jarley Zalapsky in our hat. I think he plays for the [Pittsburgh] Penguins."

OK. I said baseball players were superstitious. That doesn't mean they can't also be a little bit on the weird side, does it?

So who is to say that these little idiosyncrasies don't have a profound impact on the National Pastime?

If Gaffney and Grundt begin pitching like a pair of professionals bringing in seven-digit salaries, there definitely will be a run on Zalapsky cards. With that kind of notoriety for Zalapsky, who needs the Stanley Cup?

READY FOR YOU



CHRIS COX/The Chart

Junior guard Spencer Williams looks for the steal as Northwest Missouri State's Kevin Shelvin brings the ball upcourt. The Lions held the visitors to only 36 percent shooting in the 76-69 victory Saturday.

Lady Lions upset Rolla in 70-66 win

BY T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A 70-66 upset of the University of Missouri-Rolla last night has improved the Lady Lions' post-season playoff chances.

Southern shot 60 percent from the field in the second half and hit 14 of 16 second-half free-throw opportunities in upping its record to 11-13 overall and 4-9 in the MIAA. Rolla fell to 15-8 and 8-5 with its fourth straight loss.

The Lady Miners had spanked Southern 75-51 in Joplin on Jan. 23.

According to Scott Ballard, Southern head coach, consistency was the

University of Missouri-St. Louis.

"The trainers tell me it is a bad sprain," Ballard said. "We expect to have her ready [on Saturday] but we'll have to talk with the trainers and see how it heals."

Three Lady Lions finished with three players in double figures, led by senior guard Terri Haynes' 26. Haynes scored 18 of her points in the second half and was six of 12 from three-point range. Stacie Tave finished with 15 points, including 13 in the second half, and Diane Hoch added 14.

In the next three games, Southern faces UMSL at home and Southwest Baptist University and Missouri

"We can control our own destiny. If we win two of our next three games, we should make it [into the playoffs]."

—Scott Ballard, Lady Lions head basketball coach

key ingredient in the Lady Lions' victory.

"We played like a mature team tonight," he said. "We shot well in the second half, our guards had only two turnovers, and our concentration was better than it has been."

Southern trailed 39-30 at halftime but outscored the hosts 11-6 in the first six minutes of the second frame.

Despite a scoring drought of more than two minutes and a wrist injury to 5-foot-9 senior Sandy Soeken, Southern remained in the hunt by hitting 15 of 25 field goal attempts and employing a full-court press.

"We wanted to create some easy points with pressure defense," Ballard said. "We were able to do that and got some layups in the second half."

Soeken suffered a wrist sprain in the first half, and the injury kept her sidelined in the second half. Ballard expects Soeken to be available for Saturday's home game against the

Western on the road. According to Ballard, the Lady Lions are confident of their chances for post-season play.

"We can control our own destiny," he said. "If there are no upsets and we win two of the next three games, we should make it."

Despite its success last night, Ballard said he doesn't plan to employ the pressure defense against UMSL.

"They are a run-and-gun type of team," he said. "We will probably slow it down against them. They just aren't that good of a half-court team."

Saturday's contest against UMSL is Southern's final regular season home game. Game time is 5:30 p.m. in Young Gymnasium. The Lady Lions close out the regular season on the road against MIAA rivals SBU on Feb. 21 and Missouri Western on Feb. 23.

Younger runners find insight at CMSU meet

BY NICK COBLE
STAFF WRITER

With only two short weeks before conference action, the track and field team walked away from Saturday's Central Missouri State University meet with new insight.

According to Coach Tom Rutledge, the meet was a valuable learning experience for the younger runners.

"They have to learn how to run indoors and how to get a little more competitive," he said.

The Lady Lions claimed two first-place finishes Saturday. Donna Boleski took first in the 3,000-meter run (10:36) and fifth in the mile with a personal best of 5:20.

Debbie Williams took first in the 800-meter run (2:21). With only two meets left, she hopes to reach the 2:15 qualifying time in the 800 to reach the indoor nationals.

While at Barton County [Kan.] Community College, Williams ran a personal best of 2:13 in the 800. While confident that she can do it again, success has come slowly this season as she still adjusts to her new NCAA setting.

"I have the speed, but the endurance has to come," she said. "I kind of went into things slowly [this season]. I don't know if it's because I took a month off, but I usually would have qualified by now."

In men's competition, Kern Sorrell took third in the mile (4:20) and seventh in the 1,000-meter run (2:25).

James Holman ran a 55.2 in the quarter mile, and Jamie Nofsinger claimed fourth in the 800 (2:02). Jay Pride (47-3) and Matt Houck (40-8) were second and third, respectively, in the shot put.

"John Buchanan probably had the best day of all," Rutledge said. Buchanan had a full day of competition Saturday, placing second in the long jump with a personal best of 22-10 1/4 and second in the triple jump with a personal best of 45-6. He also took seventh in the 300 (33.7).

According to Rutledge, Saturday's action taught a harsh lesson to those runners unfamiliar with this level of competition.

"They're starting to understand that this isn't high school," he said. "When they get on the track, it's not as it used to be in high school where kids dominated."

"A lot of times they've got people there who will spank them and laugh at them while they're doing it."

Looking for a higher level of competition, Rutledge will take 10-15 runners to the University of Missouri tomorrow to meet NCAA Division I teams.

With only two weeks until the MIAA indoor meet, Rutledge hopes that his largely inexperienced team will stand up against well-established conference foes.

"We'll do the best we can knowing that it's going to be very difficult to win conference, but we're not going up there to lose."

Simpson held to six points in Lions' 77-71 loss to Rolla

BY ROD SHETLER
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Last night Southern forward Kenny Simpson got a taste of what MIAA teams might have in store for him the rest of the season.

In a 77-71 conference loss to the University of Missouri-Rolla, Simpson was held to only six points. He came into the road contest averaging 20.8 points per game, and had scored 33 in his first meeting with the Miners back on Jan. 23.

"They did a nice job defending him tonight," said Robert Corn, head coach. "He still had four nice assists underneath to Chris [Tucker

who led the team with 17 points]. Kenny will sacrifice his scoring to give the assists."

Corn mentioned two major momentum shifts in the loss which dropped the Lions to 5-6 in the conference and 10-11 overall.

The first was a desperation 40-foot shot at the end of the first half by Rolla guard Danny Gold, cutting the Lions' halftime lead to 35-34.

The other shift in momentum was a lapse the Lions had in the second half after they had narrowed a nine-point deficit to one at 58-57.

"That was a big letdown for us," said Corn. "We took at least five

trips down the court without scoring."

The Lions started the night in a tie for sixth place in the league with Washburn University, on the road at last-place Lincoln University. Even with the loss, Southern still holds a two-game lead over Rolla, 3-8 in the conference. The Miners, 12-10 overall, are battling for the final playoff spot in the MIAA.

The Lions had gotten back to the .500 mark after defeating Northwest Missouri 76-69 Saturday. Simpson, now 18th in the nation in rebounding in NCAA Division II, led his mates with 22 points.

With that victory, the Lions broke a five-game losing skid, including four straight conference losses.

"I think the team is still pretty upbeat about everything right now," said Corn. "We got through that losing streak all right. Four of those five games were on the road, and the only home game of the bunch was against Southwest Baptist. It's not like we lost to a bunch of weak sisters."

The players echo Corn's remarks. "Coach was always very positive around us," said Tucker. "He always kept our enthusiasm up. He never let us get down on ourselves."

As the tournament time draws near for the Lions, all eyes turn toward a schedule that looks anything but easy for Southern.

Of Southern's final five conference games, three are against nationally ranked opponents. In the NCAA Division II national poll, SBU is second, Missouri Western fifth, and Central Missouri ninth.

The Lions will take on the University of Missouri-St. Louis at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Young Gymnasium. Southern lost to the Rivermen 97-81 back on Jan. 26.

"It will be a tough game for us; they are a very solid team," said Rick Meckfessel, UMSL head coach. "We just caught them on a bad night the first game. They still ran off 22 straight points against us. We saw what they could do."

Last night UMSL dropped an 85-73 decision to Southwest Baptist on its home court. The team is now 16-5 overall and 8-3 in the MIAA.

Even though the schedule is turning ugly for the Lions, the players still are feeling confident.

"You have to take each game one by one," said sophomore guard Keith Allen. "Those teams are nationally ranked, but it doesn't matter. Once the game starts it's just us and them on the court."

NEEDS A LITTLE SHOVE



CHRIS COX/The Chart

Freshman forward Neil Smith (No. 23) scores two of his 19 points in Missouri Southern's 76-69 win over Northwest Missouri State Saturday night. Junior center Joe Hill (No. 42) awaits the rebound.

Heart to 'Chart'

Students, staff recall Valentine memories

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
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Whether a memorable Valentine's Day is marked by receiving the traditional flowers and candy, or perhaps a not-so traditional wedding proposal or a multiple-date fiasco, Missouri Southern students, faculty, and staff have experienced it all.

had six people to see in one day, and I couldn't spend my time with just one. I had to divide it up equally.

None of O.L.'s dates knew about the other. He said each girl thought she was the only girl.

"It would have taken the fun out of the game if they knew."

O.L. said he's not sure if it was his best or worst Valentine's Day, but it definitely was an adventure.



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MICHAEL SHUMAKER,
FRESHMAN DENTAL HYGIENE MAJOR

Michael Shumaker, freshman dental hygiene major, said today might be her best Valentine's Day yet.

"This Valentine's Day is the first since I've been married," Shumaker said. "I think I'll surprise my husband with a candlelight dinner."

She said today is a special day for her.

"I love Valentine's Day. There's a feeling of love in the air."

Bill Pockrus, a junior business administration major, said his best Valentine's Day was during his senior year in high school.

"At that time, there was a restaurant here called Maxwell's which was one of the most elite places to eat in Joplin," Pockrus recalled. "My girlfriend took me there and wine and dined me."

"I was surprised. I hadn't been taken to dinner for a long time."

Pockrus and his sweetheart are still together today.

Valentine's Day adventures are not always the typical one man/one woman events. One marketing and management major had a Feb. 14 that he will never forget.

"I had six dates one Valentine's Day," said the freshman O.L. (this is the only name he would give for fear one of his dates might find out). "I

"I had to get a lot of candy and cards—equal amounts for each date," he said.

At the time, he had not decided what this year's Valentine's Day would bring.

"I haven't thought about this Valentine's Day," he said. "It's coming too quick. I would only have that many dates again if I had to—it was kind of hectic."



“Myrna [Dolence] sent me the same valentine two years in a row...I think she was mad at Hallmark for putting the same card on sale two years in a row.”

GLENN DOLENCE,
VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT SERVICES

Jesse Jack's two favorite Feb. 14s only involved one date—her husband.

"My husband sent me a stuffed animal and a dozen roses," said Jack, freshman undecided. "One year I got diamond earrings. Usually we go out that weekend."

Doug Newman, freshman elementary education major, thinks this Valentine's Day might be his best yet, even though he'll be spending it single for the first time in three years. He and his girlfriend recently split up.

"We used to go out to eat, and I might get her something, but I wasn't going to get her anything this year because I knew it was a hopeless cause," Newman said.

He is trying to keep a positive outlook for this year.

"I think this will be my most memorable Valentine's Day yet; maybe even my best one," Newman said. "I'll probably spend it this year out partying with my friends or maybe as a hermit. I'm just optimistic because I have total freedom."

He said although right now he is "at a loss for the woman race" he will not give up hope for future Valentine's Days.

"There's someone out there for me somewhere, but I'll wait until it's the one I think is right."

Mickie Morgan, public information secretary, said her most memorable Valentine's Day affected the rest of her life.

"[My date] took me to a club for dinner and dancing," Morgan said. "During the middle of it all he said, 'This probably isn't the best way of doing this and I should probably get on my knees, but will you marry me?' And I said yes."

Morgan and her date had only been together three weeks, but 10 years and two children later, they are still happily married. She said her husband does romantic things for her on Valentine's Day and even for no occasion.

one day of the year.

"I'm not anti-Valentine's Day, but then I'm not really a big fan either," Grinzinger said. "I don't think we should have just one day to express our love."

Although engaged, she will not be able to spend this Valentine's Day with her fiancé.

"I'm kind of disappointed," she said, "but when circumstances get in the way, there's not much you can do about it."

Myrna Dolence, coordinator of the Learning Center, and husband Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, renewed their wedding vows on a Valentine's Day several years ago.

"We thought it would be kind of nice," said Myrna Dolence. "It was a big to-do. We had a wedding cake and took the first dance; it was very romantic."

Glenn Dolence recalled another Valentine's Day as well.

William Blunk, a full-time cafeteria employee, said his fondest Valentine's Day memory is "ancient history."

"Back in high school we had a Valentine's dance and I met a nice girl," Blunk said. "We stayed together about two weeks."

Blunk, who is single, said he may go to the CAB-sponsored Valentine's dance tonight. He said maybe history will repeat itself and he will find another Valentine's sweetheart.

Larry Karst, counselor and veteran's coordinator, and Nancy Karst, dental hygiene instructor, will celebrate their 31st anniversary today. He highly recommends marriage on Valentine's Day.

"It comes in pretty handy to be married on Valentine's Day," he said. "It's impossible to forget your anniversary."

Marilyn Terry, senior sociology major, said her husband of 15 years usually buys roses for her, but last

year was different.

"He knows I like fresh-cut flowers," Terry said. "Last year my husband surprised me with a real nice plaque with a rose in the center of it. The plaque had a poem on it. He doesn't usually surprise me with things, so it was really nice."

Terry may be surprised this year, too, if her husband comes through again, because she is not expecting anything special.

"I think I'll probably lose out this year," she laughed.

In spite of these stories, there were some Southern students, staff, and faculty, who could not recall a special Valentine's Day. Some said they have received flowers, and some said they have not found a special person to share Feb. 14 with. Others said their Valentine's adventures were not suitable for print.

One student, a basketball card collector, said the greatest thing that ever happened to Valentine's Day is this year's introduction of the Michael Jordan Valentine's Day card.

While that student might give his valentine a basketball card, there are others who will be flocking to the stores today to get their valentine cards, candy, and flowers.

A Flowerama employee at Northpark Mall in Joplin said most people tend to wait until the last minute to purchase flowers. This results in a diminished selection. The employee said the store's sale price for a dozen roses was \$26.95. They usually sell about 2,500 roses for Valentine's Day.

VALENTINE'S DAY MEMORIES

Early Valentine's Day Customs

Many Valentine's Day customs involved ways that single women could learn who their future husbands were. Englishwomen in the 1700s wrote men's names on scraps of paper, rolled each in a piece of clay, and dropped them into water. The first paper that rose to the surface supposedly had the name of the woman's true love.

One description of Valentine's Day during the 1700s tells how groups of friends met to draw names. For several days, each man wore his valentine's name on his sleeve. The saying "Wearing his heart on his sleeve" probably came from this practice.

How Do I Love Thee...

To Craig, my prince, Surprise! Did I snicker you? I will see you soon. Happy Valentine's Day! I love you! Your princess, Julie P.S. Thank you Carrie

Janeen, Happy Birthday to a special valentine. I love you and am very proud of you. Keep up the good attitude—all works out in the long run. Professor mom

Mom and Dad, Thanks for everything you guys have done and for sticking by me through everything! Happy V-day—I love you both, Tabitha P.S. Send food! Hal

Bill Timmons, I've looked around enough to know that you're the one I want to go through time with. I'll always love you! Your Terri Ann

David Whitmire, Thank you for being my best friend and the best thing to happen to me. To amo Forever, Michelle

Tom Davidson, Happy Valentine's Day Sweetheart! Have fun in Vegas! I love you, Missy

Valentine, There are 365 days in a calendar year, only one day that I hold so dear. I hope that day will be my Day 365 days a year. Love, Jay

Winnie-the-Pooh, Tigger, and Piglet too. The one I love the most is Piglet. Linda Marie, my love for you is beyond measure. Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Jerry

Don, Listen to the song "I Can't Fight This Feeling Anymore" by REO. Have a good time this weekend; just remember whose stallion you are. I do trust you! Michelle

MSSC Cheerleaders, We just want to take this opportunity to say thank you for being our friends. You all really help to make our friends. Happy Valentine's Day! We love you! MSSC Mascots

Space monkey-muffin, Thanks for putting up with me! Sorry I haven't been the easiest person to live with here lately! I love you though and always will. Happy V-day, Starbaby-pastri



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"On Valentine's Day, he usually would put something in the paper about how he searched for me forever and finally found me. I'd never had anybody do that for me, so it was neat," Morgan said.

"He sent me flowers last week for no reason. Sometimes he says he would rather do things on days I don't expect it."

Tami Grinzinger, senior economics and finance major, also thinks romance should not be reserved for

"He sends me flowers on the 18th of every month," she said. The 18th is the couple's anniversary date.

Traci Good, a freshman pre-physical therapy major, did not recall a specific special Feb. 14, but described her idea of the perfect Valentine's evening.

"I'd like to go out with someone perhaps to Tulsa for ice skating. She said she has a person in mind who just might fit the bill, but chose not to reveal names."